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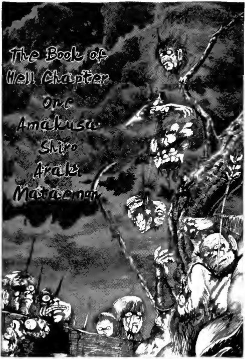
Makai Tensho

The book of Jubei Hell.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Amakusa
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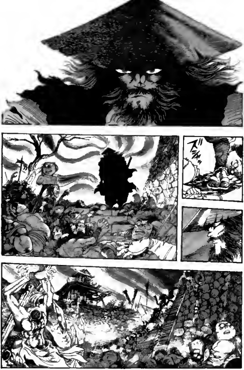
Araki
Mataemon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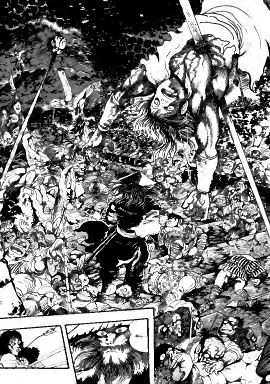
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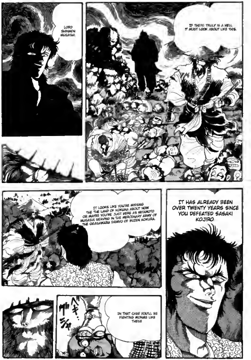
IF THERE TRULY IS A HELL IT MUST LOOK ABOUT LIKE THIS.
LORD SHINMEN MUSASHI.
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN OVER TWENTY YEARS SINCE YOU DEFEATED SASAKI KOJIRO.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE MISSING THE THE LAND OF KOKURA ABOUT NOW OR MAYBE YOU'RE JUST HERE AS MIYAMOTO MUSASHI SERVING IN THE MERCENARY ARMY OF THE OGASAWARA DAIMYO OF BUZEN KOKURA.
IN THAT CASE YOU'LL BE FIGHTING WORMS LIKE THESE
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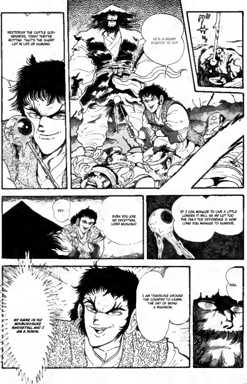
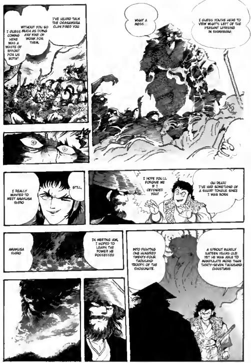
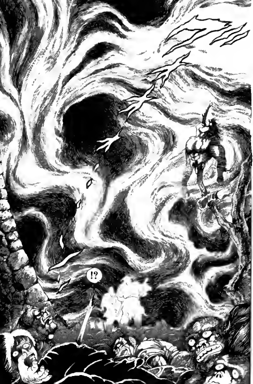
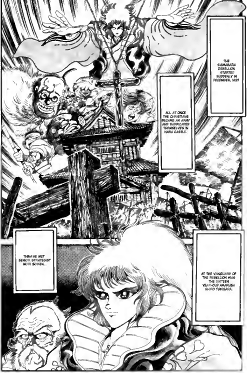
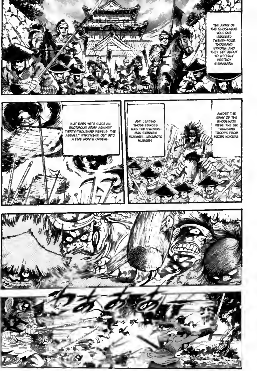

YESTERDAY THE CASTLE SURRENDERS, TODAY THEY'RE ROTTING THAT'S THE SHORT LOT IN LIFE OF HUMANS
HE'S ALREADY STARTED TO ROT
PFT
EVEN YOU ARE NO EXCEPTION, LORD MUSASHI!
IF I CAN MANAGE TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER IT WILL BE MY LOT TOO THE ONLY THE DIFFERENCE IS HOW LONG YOU MANAGE TO SURVIVE.
MY NAME IS YUI MINBUNOSUKE SHOSETSU, AND I AM A RONIN.
I AM TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY TO LEARN THE ART OF BEING A WARRIOR.
YOU.


I GUESS YOU'RE HERE TO VIEW WHAT'S LEFT OF THE PEASANT UPRISING IN SHIMABARA
WHAT A MESS.
I'VE HEARD TALK THE OGASAWARA CLAN FIRED YOU
WITHOUT YOU SO MUCH AS DOING ANY KIND OF WORK FOR THEM.
I GUESS COMING HERE WAS A WASTE OF EFFORT FOR US BOTH?
OH DEAR! I'VE HAD SOMETHING OF A SHARP TONGUE SINCE I WAS BORN
I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I OFFENDED YOU!
STILL,
I REALLY WANTED TO MEET AMAKUSA SHIRO
A SPROUT BARELY SIXTEEN YEARS OLD YET HE WAS ABLE TO MANIPULATE MORE THAN THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND CHRISTIANS
INTO FIGHTING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS OF THE SHOGUNATE.
IN MEETING HIM, I HOPED TO LEARN THE POWER HE POSSESSED
AMAKUSA SHIRO




THE SHIMABARA REBELLION STARTED SUDDENLY IN DECEMBER, 1637
ALL AT ONCE THE CHRISTIANS BECAME AN ARMY AND BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN HARA CASTLE.
AT THE VANGUARD OF THE REBELLION WAS THE SIXTEEN YEAR-OLD AMAKUSA SHIRO TOKISADA.
THEN HE MET SENIOR STRATEGIST MORI SOKEN.


THE ARMY OF THE SHOGUNATE WAS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND STRONG AND THEY SET ABOUT TO UTTERLY DESTROY SHIMABARA
AMIDST THE ARMY OF THE SHOGUNATE WERE THE SIX THOUSAND TROOPS FROM BUZEN KOKURA
AND LEADING THOSE FORCES WAS THE SWORDSMAN SHINMEN MUSASHI—MIYAMOTO MUSASHI
BUT EVEN WITH SUCH AN ENORMOUS ARMY AGAINST THIRTY-THOUSAND REBELS THE ASSAULT STRETCHED OUT INTO A FIVE MONTH ORDEAL.
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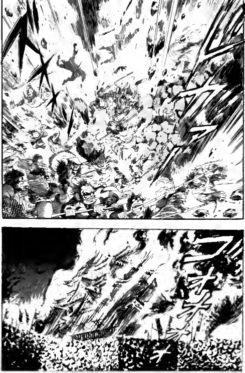
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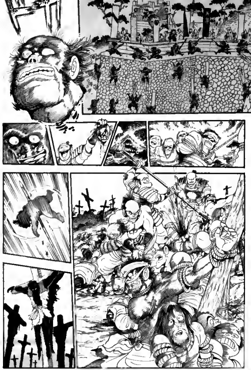
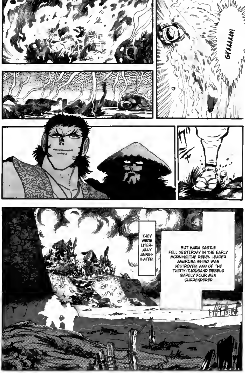
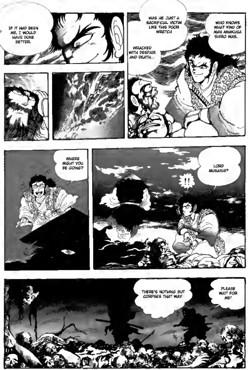



GYAAAAH!!
BUT HARA CASTLE FELL YESTERDAY IN THE EARLY MORNING. THE REBEL LEADER AMAKUSA SHIRO WAS DESTROYED, AND OF THE THIRTY-THOUSAND REBELS BARELY FOUR MEN SURRENDERED
THEY WERE LITERALLY ANNIHILATED.


WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF MAN AMAKUSA SHIRO WAS.
WAS HE JUST A SACRIFICIAL VICTIM LIKE THIS POOR WRETCH
WRACKED WITH DESPAIR AND DEATH...
IF IT HAD BEEN ME, I WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER.
LORD MUSASHI!?
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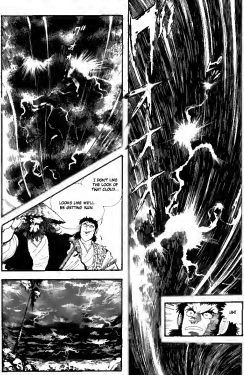
WHERE MIGHT YOU BE GOING?
PLEASE WAIT FOR ME!
THERE'S NOTHING BUT CORPSES THAT WAY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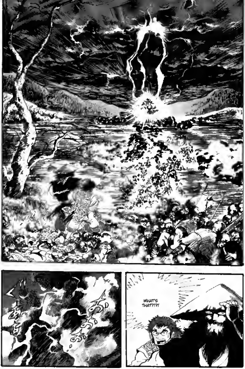
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT CLOUD...
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE GETTING RAIN
UH!


WHAT'S THAT?!?!
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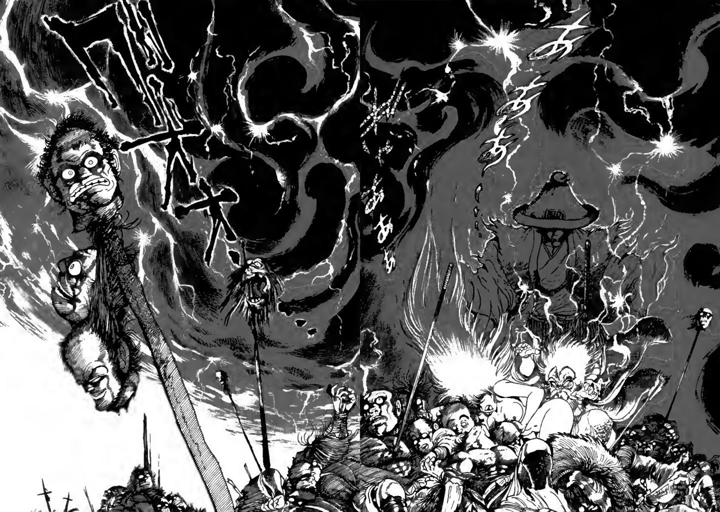
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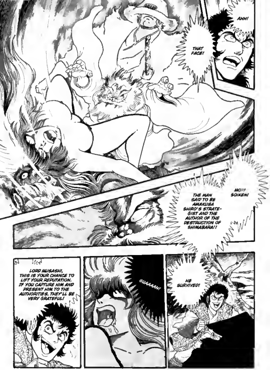
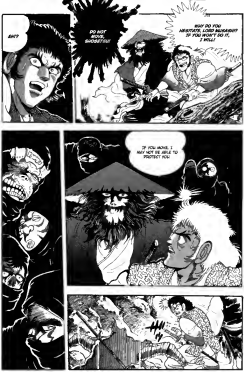
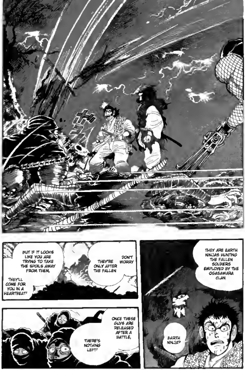
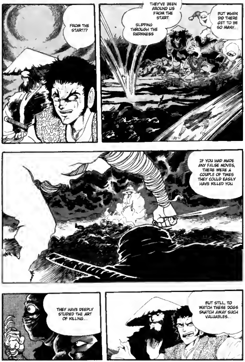
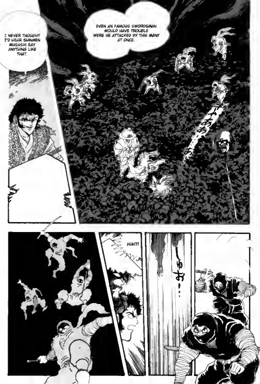

AHH!
THAT FACE!
MORI SOIKEN!
THE MAN SAID TO BE AMAKUSA SHIRO'S STRATEGIST AND THE AUTHOR OF THE DESTRUCTION OF SHIMABARA!!
HE SURVIVED!
GUAAAAAH!
LORD MUSASHI, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO LIFT YOUR REPUTATION. IF YOU CAPTURE HIM AND PRESENT HIM TO THE AUTHORITIES, THEY'LL BE VERY GRATEFUL!


WHY DO YOU HESITATE, LORD MUSASHI? IF YOU WON'T DO IT, I WILL!
DO NOT MOVE, SHOSETSU!
EH!?
IF YOU MOVE, I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU


THEY ARE EARTH NINJAS HUNTING THE FALLEN SOLDIERS EMPLOYED BY THE OGASAWARA CLAN.
EARTH NINJA?
DON'T WORRY
THEY'RE ONLY AFTER THE FALLEN
BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE TRYING TO TAKE THE SPOILS AWAY FROM THEM,
THEY'LL COME FOR YOU IN A HEARTBEAT!
ONCE THESE GUYS ARE RELEASED AFTER A BATTLE,
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT!


FROM THE START!?
THEY'VE BEEN AROUND US FROM THE START
SLIPPING THROUGH THE DARKNESS
BUT WHEN DID THERE GET TO BE SO MANY...
IF YOU HAD MADE ANY FALSE MOVES, THERE WERE A COUPLE OF TIMES THEY COULD EASILY HAVE KILLED YOU
THEY HAVE DEEPLY STUDIED THE ART OF KILLING...
BUT STILL, TO WATCH THESE DOGS SNATCH AWAY SUCH VALUABLES...


EVEN AN FAMOUS SWORDSMAN WOULD HAVE TROUBLE WERE HE ATTACKED BY THIS MANY AT ONCE.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR SHINMEN MUSASHI SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
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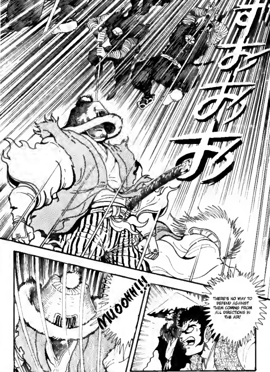
しゅお!..
HUH?!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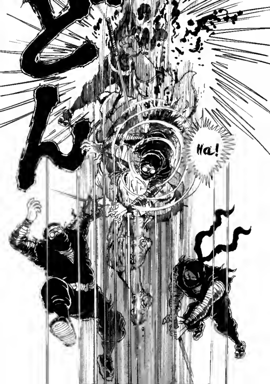
MUOOHH!!
THERE'S NO WAY TO DEFEND AGAINST THEM COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE AIR!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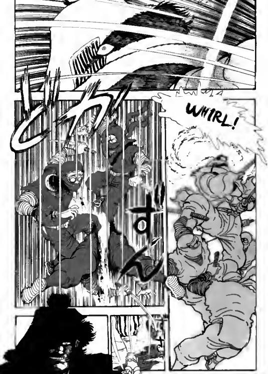
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WHIRL!
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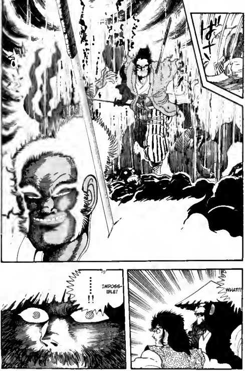
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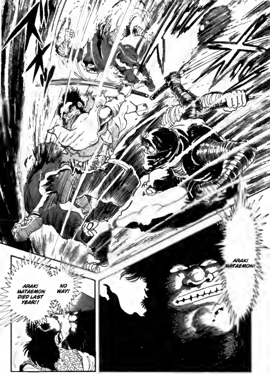
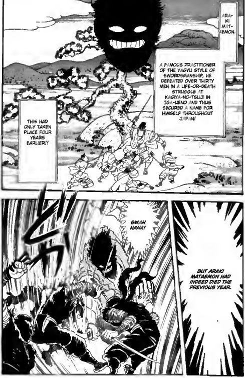
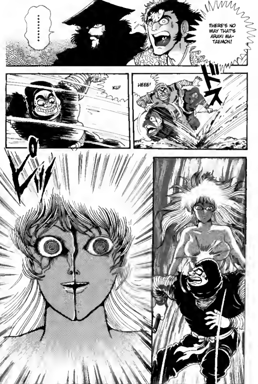
IMPOSS-IBLE!
WHAT!!


ARAKI MATAEMON!
NO WAY!
ARAKI MATAEMON DIED LAST YEAR!!


ARAKI MATAEMON.
A FAMOUS PRACTITIONER OF THE YAGYU STYLE OF SWORDSMANSHIP, HE DEFEATED OVER THIRTY MEN IN A LIFE-OR-DEATH STRUGGLE AT KAGIYA-NO-TSUJI IN IGA-UENO AND THUS SECURED A NAME FOR HIMSELF THROUGHOUT JAPAN!
THIS HAD ONLY TAKEN PLACE FOUR YEARS EARLIER!!
BUT ARAKI MATAEMON HAD INDEED DIED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
GWAH HAHA!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S ARAKI MATAEMON!
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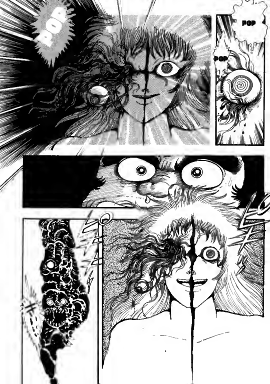
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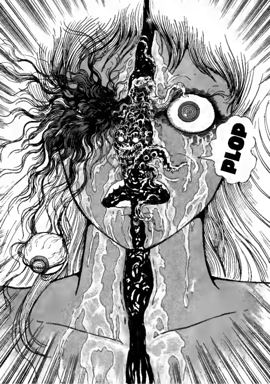
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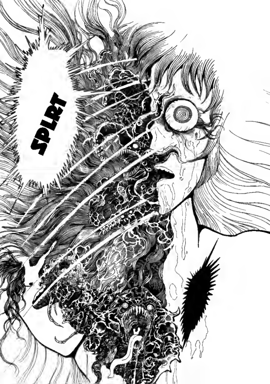
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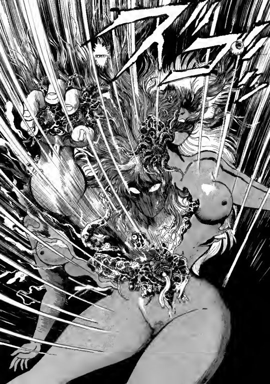
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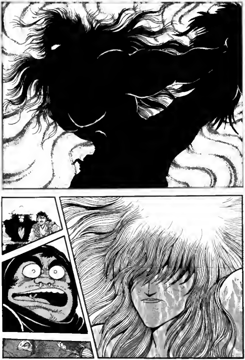

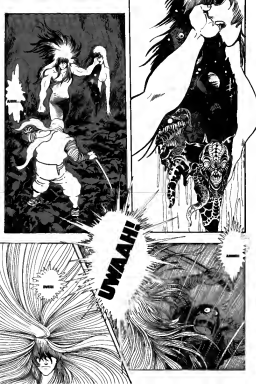
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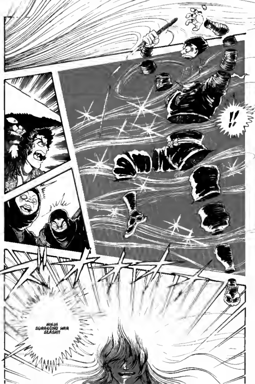
UWAAH!
SWISH
AHHH!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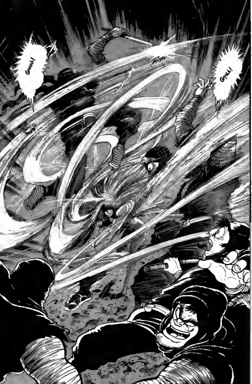
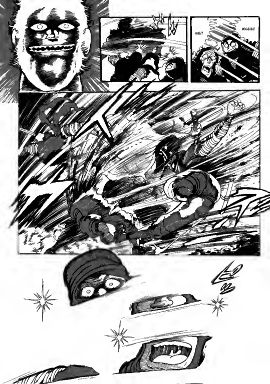
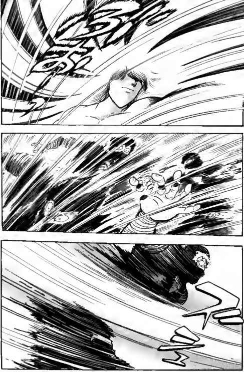
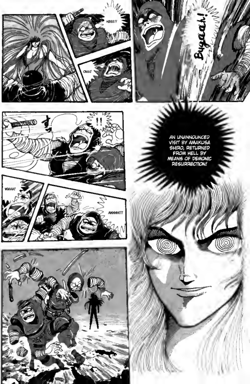
NINJA SURROUND HAIR SLASH!!


Gyak!
Gnuuk!


WAHHH!
AH!!!




Bugaah!
HBEE!!
OHH!
AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT BY AMAKUSA SHIRO, RETURNED FROM HELL BY MEANS OF DEMONIC RESURRECTION!
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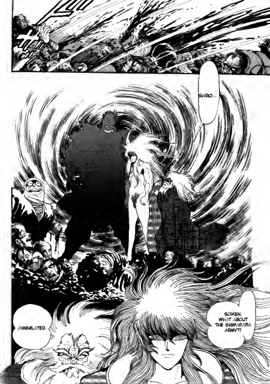
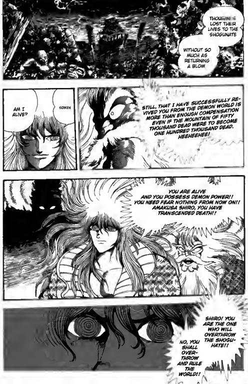
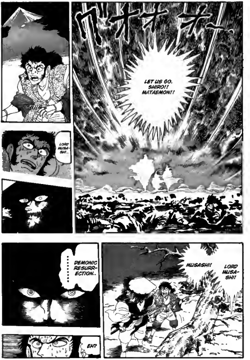
AHHHH!!!
WAHH!


SHIRO...
SOIKEN. WHAT ABOUT THE SHIMABARA ARMY?!
ANNIHILATED.


THOUSANDS LOST THEIR LIVES TO THE SHOGUNATE
WITHOUT SO MUCH AS RETURNING A BLOW
AM I ALIVE?
SOKEN
STILL, THAT I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REVIVED YOU FROM THE DEMON WORLD IS MORE THAN ENOUGH COMPENSATION EVEN IF THE MOUNTAIN OF FIFTY THOUSAND DEAD WERE TO BECOME ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DEAD. HEEHEEHEE!
YOU ARE ALIVE AND YOU POSSESS DEMON POWER!! YOU NEED FEAR NOTHING FROM NOW ON!! AMAKUSA SHIRO, YOU HAVE TRANSCENDED DEATH!!
SHIRO! YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL OVERTHROW THE SHOGUNATE!!
NO, YOU SHALL OVERTHROW AND RULE THE WORLD!!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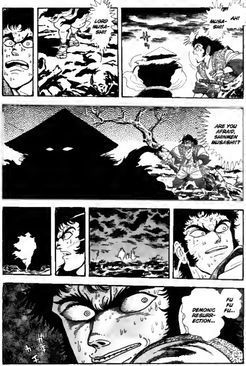
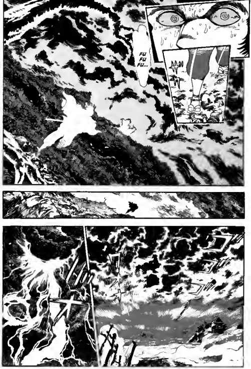
LET US GO, SHIRO!! MATAEMON!!
LORD MUSA-SHI..
LORD MUSA-SHI!!
MUSASHI!!
DEMONIC RESURR-ECTION..
EH?


AH! MUSASHI!
LORD MUSASHI!
ARE YOU AFRAID, SHINMEN MUSASHI!?
FU FU FU...
DEMONIC RESURRECTION...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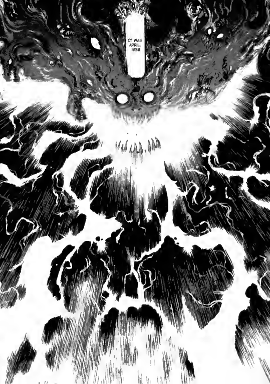
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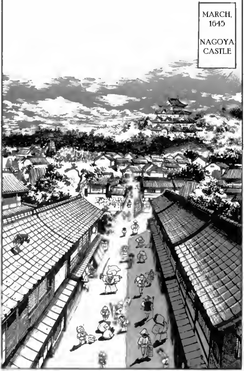
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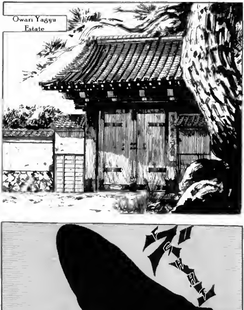
NAGOYA CASTLE

The Book of Hell
Chapter Two

Hozoin Inshun
Tamiya Botaro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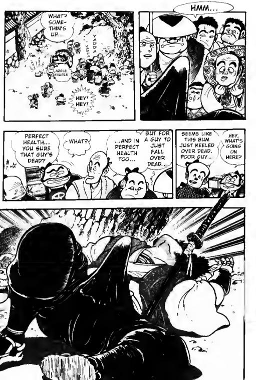
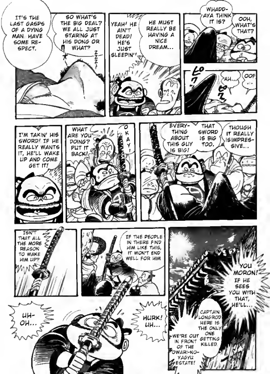
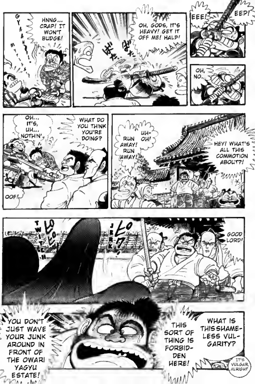
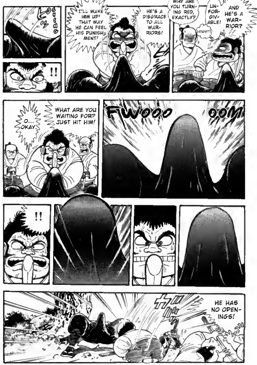
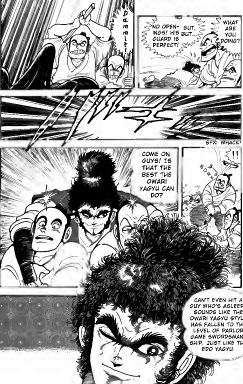

HMM...
WHAT? SOME-THIN'S UP.
YADDA YADDA
ARGLE BARGLE
HEY! HEY!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
SEEMS LIKE THIS BUM JUST KEELED OVER DEAD. POOR GUY.
BUT FOR A GUY TO JUST FALL OVER DEAD.
...AND IN PERFECT HEALTH TOO...
WHAT?
PERFECT HEALTH... YOU SURE THAT GUY'S DEAD?


IT'S THE LAST GASPS OF A DYING MAN. HAVE SOME RESPECT.
SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? WE ALL JUST STARING AT HIS DONG OR WHAT?
ZZZ
YEAH! HE AIN'T DEAD! HE'S JUST SLEEPIN'!
HE MUST REALLY BE HAVING A NICE DREAM...
WHADDAYA THINK IT IS?
OOH, WHAT'S THAT?
AH...
OOF
I'M TAKIN' HIS SWORD! IF HE REALLY WANTS IT, HE'LL WAKE UP AND COME GET IT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PUT IT BACK!
OKAY!
EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS GUY IS BIG!
THAT SWORD IS BIG TOO.
THOUGH IT REALLY IS IMPRESSIVE...
ISN'T THAT ALL THE MORE REASON TO WAKE HIM UP?
IF THE PEOPLE IN THERE FIND HIM LIKE THIS, IT WON'T END WELL FOR HIM.
UH-OH...
HURK! UH...
YOU MORON! IF HE SEES YOU WITH THAT, HE'LL...
CAPTAIN LONGROD HERE IS THE ONLY ONE GETTING KILLED.
WE'RE OUT IN FRONT OF THE OWARI-NO-YAGYU ESTATE!


EEE!
EEP!
OH, NO.
OH, GODS, IT'S HEAVY! GET IT OFF ME! HALP!
HNNG... CRAP! IT WON'T BUDGE!
GYAAH!!
HEY! WHAT'S ALL THIS COMMOTION ABOUT?!
UH-OH!
RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
OH... IT'S, UH... NOTHIN'.
OOF!
GOOD LORD!
JERK
TWITCH
WHAT IS THIS SHAMELESS VULGARITY?
IT'S VULGAR ALRIGHT
THIS SORT OF THING IS FORBIDDEN HERE!
YOU DON'T JUST WAVE YOUR JUNK AROUND IN FRONT OF THE OWARI YAGYU ESTATE!


UNFORGIVABLE!
AND HE'S A WARRIOR?
WHY ARE YOU TURNING RED, EXACTLY?
RIGHT?
HE'S A DISGRACE TO ALL WARRIORS!
I'LL WAKE HIM UP! THAT WAY HE CAN FEEL HIS PUNISHMENT!
SWING
!!
FWOOOOOM
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JUST HIT HIM!
O... OKAY.
!!
HE HAS NO OPENINGS!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT, BUT...
NO OPENINGS! HIS GUARD IS PERFECT!
Dammit!
SFX: WHACK!
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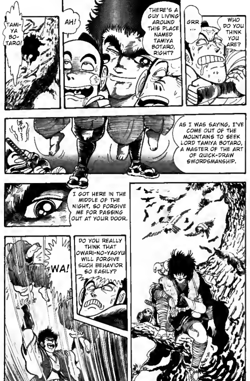
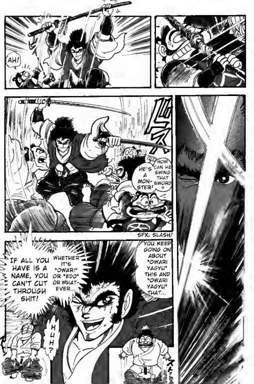
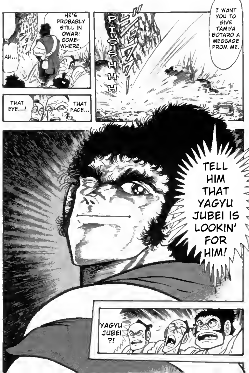
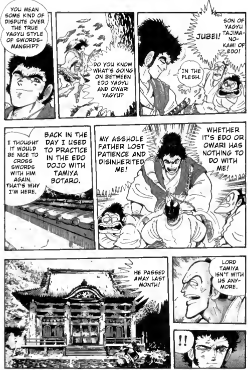
BONK
COME ON GUYS! IS THIS THE BEST THE OWARI YAGYU CAN DO?
CAN'T EVEN HIT A GUY WHO'S ASLEEP? SOUNDS LIKE THE OWARI YAGYU STYLE HAS FALLEN TO THE LEVEL OF PARLOR GAME SWORDSMANSHIP, JUST LIKE THE EDO YAGYU.


TAMIYA BOTARO!
AH!
THERE'S A GUY LIVING AROUND THIS PLACE NAMED TAMIYA BOTARO, RIGHT?
GRR...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
AS I WAS SAYING, I'VE COME OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS TO SEEK LORD TAMIYA BOTARO, A MASTER OF THE ART OF QUICK-DRAW SWORDSMANSHIP.
I GOT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SO FORGIVE ME FOR PASSING OUT AT YOUR DOOR.
WA!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT OWARI-NO-YAGYU WILL FORGIVE SUCH BEHAVIOR SO EASILY?


AH!
HOW CAN HE SWING THAT SWORD?
HE'S A MONSTER!
SFX. SLASH!
YOU KEEP GOING ON ABOUT "OWARI YAGYU" THIS AND "OWARI YAGYU" THAT...
WHETHER IT'S "OWARI" OR "EDO" OR WHATEVER...
IF ALL YOU HAVE IS A NAME, YOU CAN'T CUT THROUGH SHIT!
HUH?


HE'S PROBABLY STILL IN OWARI SOMEWHERE.
AH...
PISSHHH
I WANT YOU TO GIVE TAMIYA BOTARO A MESSAGE FROM ME.
THAT EYE...!
THAT FACE...
TELL HIM THAT YAGYU JUBEI IS LOOKIN' FOR HIM!
YAGYU JUBEI ?!


YOU MEAN SOME KIND OF DISPUTE OVER THE TRUE YAGYU STYLE OF SWORDSMANSHIP?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN EDO YAGYU AND OWARI YAGYU?
JUBEI!
SON OF YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI OF EDO!
IN THE FLESH.
BACK IN THE DAY I USED TO PRACTICE IN THE EDO DOJO WITH TAMIYA BOTARO.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH HIM AGAIN. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
MY ASSHOLE FATHER LOST PATIENCE AND DISINHERITED ME!
WHETHER IT'S EDO OR OWARI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
HE PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH!
LORD TAMIYA ISN'T WITH US ANYMORE.
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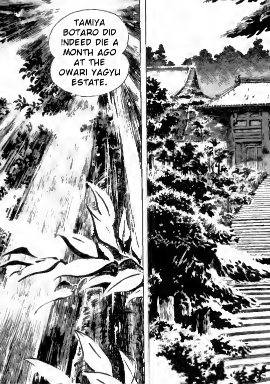
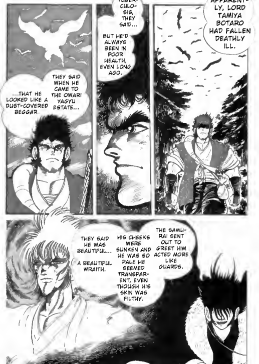
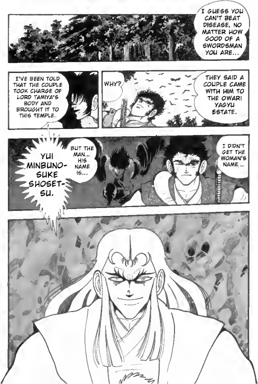
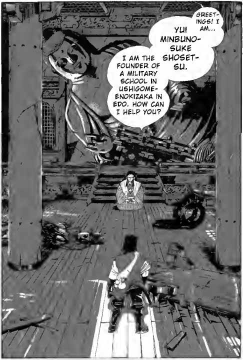
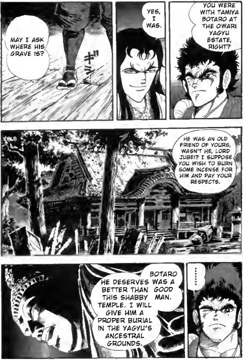

TAMIYA BOTARO DID INDEED DIE A MONTH AGO AT THE OWARI YAGYU ESTATE.


APPARENTLY, LORD TAMIYA BOTARO HAD FALLEN DEATHLY ILL.
TUBERCULOSIS, THEY SAID...
BUT HE'D ALWAYS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH, EVEN LONG AGO.
THEY SAID WHEN HE CAME TO THE OWARI YAGYU ESTATE...
...THAT HE LOOKED LIKE A DUST-COVERED BEGGAR.
THE SAMURAI SENT OUT TO GREET HIM ACTED MORE LIKE GUARDS.
HIS CHEEKS WERE SUNKEN AND HE WAS SO PALE HE SEEMED TRANSPARENT, EVEN THOUGH HIS SKIN WAS FILTHY.
THEY SAID HE WAS BEAUTIFUL...
A BEAUTIFUL WRAITH.


I GUESS YOU CAN'T BEAT DISEASE, NO MATTER HOW GOOD OF A SWORDSMAN YOU ARE...
THEY SAID A COUPLE CAME WITH HIM TO THE OWARI YAGYU ESTATE.
WHY?
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THE COUPLE TOOK CHARGE OF LORD TAMIYA'S BODY AND BROUGHT IT TO THIS TEMPLE.
I DIDN'T GET THE WOMAN'S NAME..
BUT THE MAN... HIS NAME IS...
YUI MINBUNOSUKE SHOSETSU.


GREETINGS! I AM...
YUI MINBUNOSUKE SHOSETSU.
I AM THE FOUNDER OF A MILITARY SCHOOL IN USHIGOME-ENOKIZAKA IN EDO. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?


YOU WERE WITH TAMIYA BOTARO AT THE OWARI YAGYU ESTATE, RIGHT?
YES, I WAS.
MAY I ASK WHERE HIS GRAVE IS?
ギシ
HE WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS, WASN'T HE, LORD JUBEI? I SUPPOSE YOU WISH TO BURN SOME INCENSE FOR HIM AND PAY YOUR RESPECTS.
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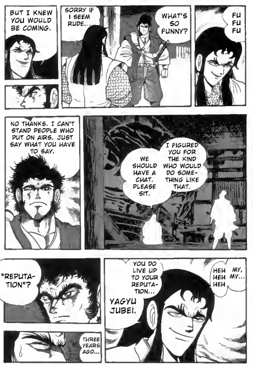
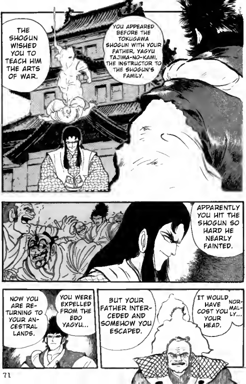
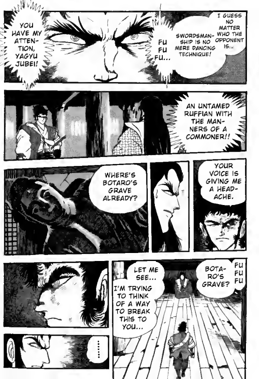
BOTARO WAS A GOOD MAN.
HE DESERVES BETTER THAN THIS SHABBY TEMPLE. I WILL GIVE HIM A PROPER BURIAL IN THE YAGYU'S ANCESTRAL GROUNDS.


FU FU FU
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
SORRY IF I SEEM RUDE...
BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD BE COMING.
I FIGURED YOU FOR THE KIND WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
WE SHOULD HAVE A CHAT. PLEASE SIT.
NO THANKS. I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE WHO PUT ON AIRS. JUST SAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.
HEH HEH HEH
MY, MY...
YOU DO LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION...
YAGYU JUBEI.
"REPUTATION"?
THREE YEARS AGO...


YOU APPEARED BEFORE THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUN WITH YOUR FATHER, YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI, THE INSTRUCTOR TO THE SHOGUN'S FAMILY.
THE SHOGUN WISHED YOU TO TEACH HIM THE ARTS OF WAR.
APPARENTLY YOU HIT THE SHOGUN SO HARD HE NEARLY FAINTED.
NORMALLY...
IT WOULD HAVE COST YOU YOUR HEAD.
BUT YOUR FATHER INTERCEDED AND SOMEHOW YOU ESCAPED.
YOU WERE EXPELLED FROM THE EDO YAGYU...
NOW YOU ARE RETURNING TO YOUR ANCESTRAL LANDS.


I GUESS NO MATTER WHO THE OPPONENT IS...
SWORDSMANSHIP IS NO MERE DANCING TECHNIQUE!
FU FU FU...
YOU HAVE MY ATTENTION, YAGYU JUBEI!
AN UNTAMED RUFFIAN WITH THE MANNERS OF A COMMONER!!
YOUR VOICE IS GIVING ME A HEADACHE.
WHERE'S BOTARO'S GRAVE ALREADY?
FU FU FU
BOTARO'S GRAVE?
LET ME SEE...
I'M TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY TO BREAK THIS TO YOU...
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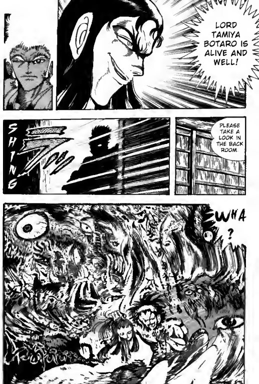
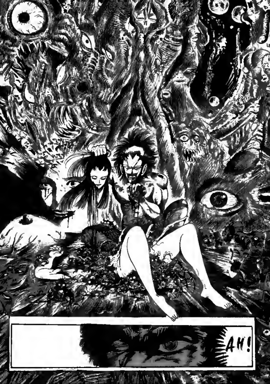

LORD TAMIYA BOTARO IS ALIVE AND WELL!
SHING
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK IN THE BACK ROOM
WHA ?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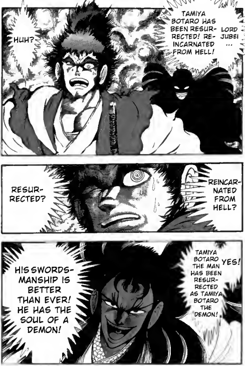
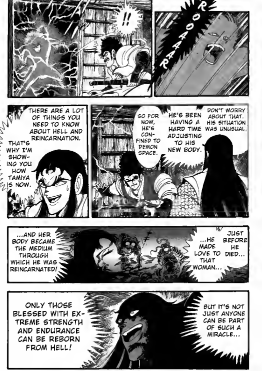
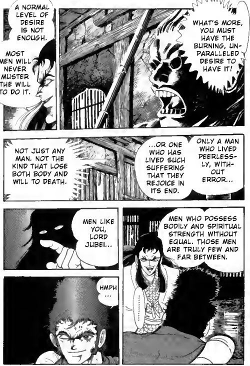
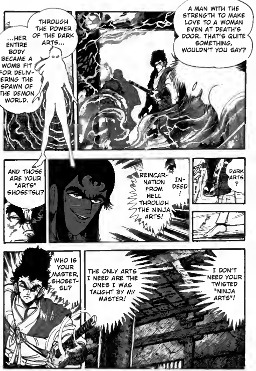
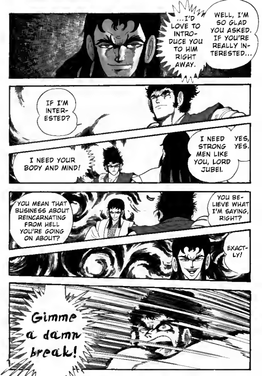
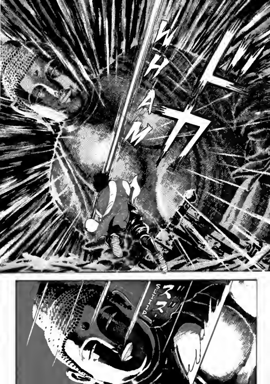

HUH?
TAMIYA BOTARO HAS BEEN RESURRECTED! REINCARNATED FROM HELL!
LORD JUBEI ...
RESURRECTED?
REINCARNATED FROM HELL?
YES!
TAMIYA BOTARO THE MAN HAS BEEN RESURRECTED AS TAMIYA BOTARO THE DEMON!
HIS SWORDSMANSHIP IS BETTER THAN EVER! HE HAS THE SOUL OF A DEMON!


ROOAAAR
!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. HIS SITUATION WAS UNUSUAL.
HE'S BEEN HAVING A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO HIS NEW BODY.
SO FOR NOW, HE'S CONFINED TO DEMON SPACE.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HELL AND REINCARNATION.
THAT'S WHY I'M SHOWING YOU HOW TAMIYA IS NOW.
JUST BEFORE HE DIED...
...HE MADE LOVE TO THAT WOMAN...
...AND HER BODY BECAME THE MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH HE WAS REINCARNATED!
BUT IT'S NOT JUST ANYONE CAN BE PART OF SUCH A MIRACLE...
ONLY THOSE BLESSED WITH EXTREME STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE CAN BE REBORN FROM HELL!


A NORMAL LEVEL OF DESIRE IS NOT ENOUGH.
MOST MEN WILL NEVER MUSTER THE WILL TO DO IT.
WHAT'S MORE, YOU MUST HAVE THE BURNING, UNPARALLELED DESIRE TO HAVE IT!
NOT JUST ANY MAN. NOT THE KIND THAT LOSE BOTH BODY AND WILL TO DEATH.
...OR ONE WHO HAS LIVED SUCH SUFFERING THAT THEY REJOICE IN ITS END.
ONLY A MAN WHO LIVED PEERLESSLY, WITHOUT ERROR...
MEN LIKE YOU, LORD JUBEI...
MEN WHO POSSESS BODILY AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH WITHOUT EQUAL. THOSE MEN ARE TRULY FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.
HMPH ...


A MAN WITH THE STRENGTH TO MAKE LOVE TO A WOMAN EVEN AT DEATH'S DOOR. THAT'S QUITE SOMETHING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE DARK ARTS...
...HER ENTIRE BODY BECAME A WOMB FIT FOR DELIVERING THE SPAWN OF THE DEMON WORLD.
DARK ARTS?
INDEED!
REINCARNATION FROM HELL THROUGH THE NINJA ARTS!
AND THOSE ARE YOUR "ARTS" SHOSETSU?
I DON'T NEED YOUR TWISTED "NINJA ARTS"!
THE ONLY ARTS I NEED ARE THE ONES I WAS TAUGHT BY MY MASTER!
WHO IS YOUR MASTER, SHOSETSU?


WELL, I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED. IF YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTED...
...I'D LOVE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM RIGHT AWAY.
IF I'M INTERESTED?
YES, YES.
I NEED STRONG MEN LIKE YOU, LORD JUBEI.
I NEED YOUR BODY AND MIND!
YOU BELIEVE WHAT I'M SAYING, RIGHT?
YOU MEAN THAT BUSINESS ABOUT REINCARNATING FROM HELL YOU'RE GOING ON ABOUT?
EXACTLY!
Gimme a damn break!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WHAM
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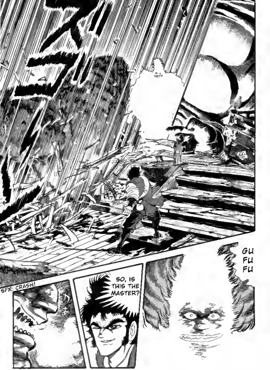
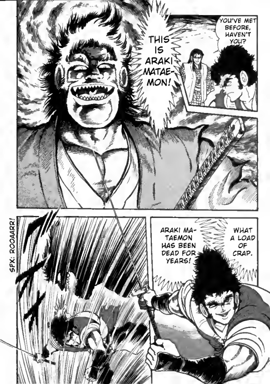
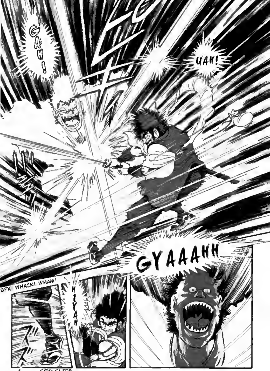
SLIIIP!


SFX CRASH!
GU FU FU
SO, IS THIS THE MASTER?


YOU'VE MET BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
THIS IS ARAKI MATAEMON!
WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP.
ARAKI MATAEMON HAS BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS!
SFX: ROOAARR!


UAH!
GAH!
GYAAAHH
HIYAH
SFX: WHACK! WHAM!
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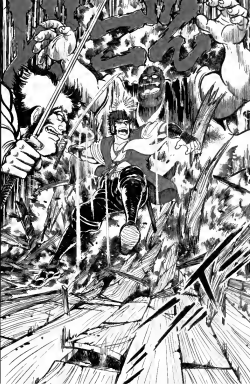
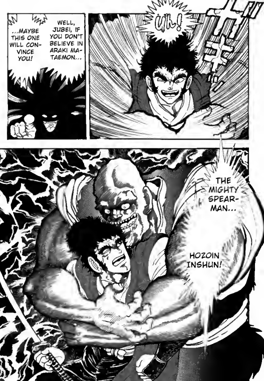
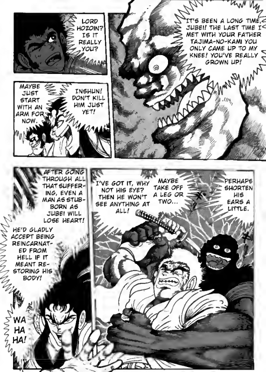
SFX: SLIDE

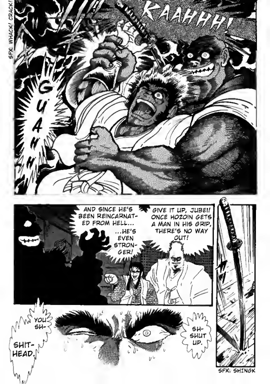


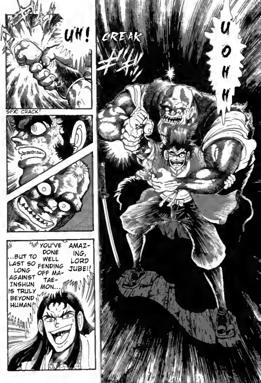
SFX: BONK!

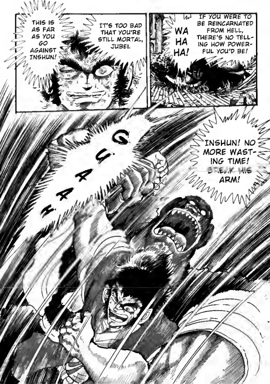
SFX: BLAM!

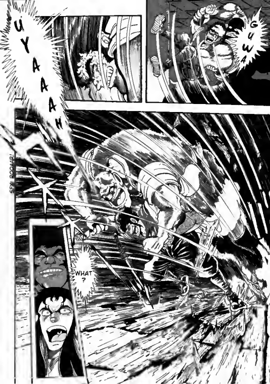

WELL, JUBEI, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN ARAKI MATAEMON...
...MAYBE THIS ONE WILL CONVINCE YOU!
UH!
THE MIGHTY SPEARMAN...
HOZOIN INSHUN!

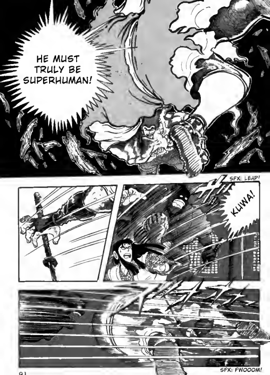

LORD HOZOIN? IS IT REALLY YOU?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JUBEI! THE LAST TIME I MET WITH YOUR FATHER TAJIMA-NO-KAMI YOU ONLY CAME UP TO MY KNEE! YOU'VE REALLY GROWN UP!
MAYBE JUST START WITH AN ARM FOR NOW.
INSHUN! DON'T KILL HIM JUST YET!
AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THAT SUFFERING, EVEN A MAN AS STUBBORN AS JUBEI WILL LOSE HEART!
HE'D GLADLY ACCEPT BEING REINCARNATED FROM HELL IF IT MEANT RESTORING HIS BODY!
WA HA HA!
I'VE GOT IT, WHY NOT HIS EYE? THEN HE WON'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL!
MAYBE TAKE OFF A LEG OR TWO...
PERHAPS SHORTEN HIS EARS A LITTLE.

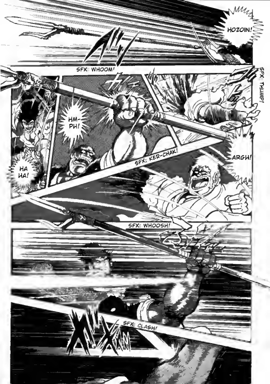

KAAHHH!
GUAHH
SFX. WHACK! CRACK!
SFX. SHINGK
GIVE IT UP, JUBEI! ONCE HOZOIN GETS A MAN IN HIS GRIP, THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
AND SINCE HE'S BEEN REINCARNATED FROM HELL...
...HE'S EVEN STRONGER!
SH- SHUT UP.
YOU SH-
SHIT-HEAD.

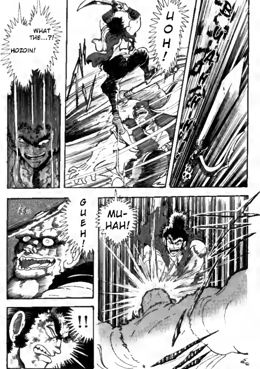

UOHHH
CREAK
UH!
SFX: CRACK!
AMAZING, LORD JUBE!!
YOU'VE DONE WELL FENDING OFF MATAEMON...
...BUT TO LAST SO LONG AGAINST INSHUN IS TRULY BEYOND HUMAN!!


WA HA HA!
IF YOU WERE TO BE REINCARNATED FROM HELL, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW POWERFUL YOU'D BE!
IT'S TOO BAD THAT YOU'RE STILL MORTAL, JUBEI.
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO AGAINST INSHUN!
INSHUN! NO MORE WASTING TIME! BREAK HIS ARM!
GUAAAH


UYAAAAH
GUWA
SFX: ROOAAR!
WHAT ?


HE MUST TRULY BE SUPERHUMAN!
SFX LEAP!
KUWA!
SFX: FWOOOM!


HOZOIN!
SFX: WHOOM!
SFX: THUMP!
HM-PH!
HA HA!
SFX: KER-CHAK!
ARGH!
SFX: WHOOSH!
SFX: CLASH!


BUAHHHH
UOH!
WHAT THE...?!
HOZOIN!
MU-HAH!
GUEH!
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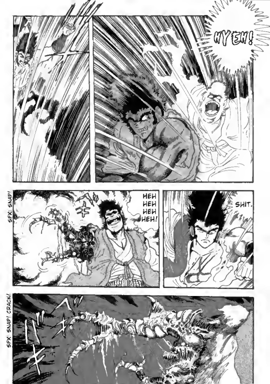
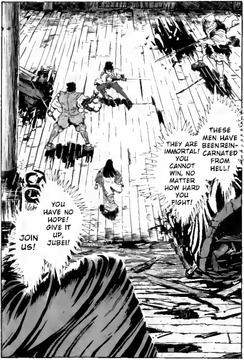
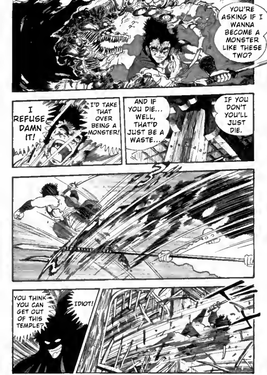
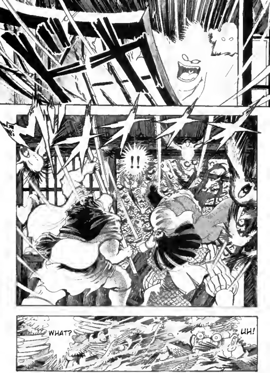
SFX: SCREECH!


HYEH!
SFX: SNAP!
HEH HEH HEH HEH!
SHIT.
SFX: SNAP! CRACK!


THESE MEN HAVE BEEN REINCARNATED FROM HELL!
THEY ARE IMMORTAL! YOU CANNOT WIN, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU FIGHT!
YOU HAVE NO HOPE! GIVE IT UP, JUBEI!
JOIN US!


YOU'RE ASKING IF I WANNA BECOME A MONSTER LIKE THESE TWO?
IF YOU DON'T YOU'LL JUST DIE.
AND IF YOU DIE... WELL, THAT'D JUST BE A WASTE...
I REFUSE DAMN IT!
I'D TAKE THAT OVER BEING A MONSTER!
YOU THINK YOU CAN GET OUT OF THIS TEMPLE?
IDIOT!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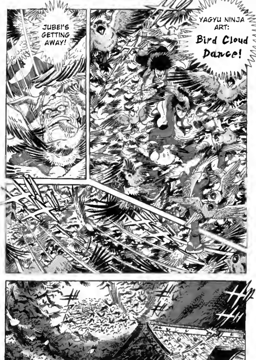
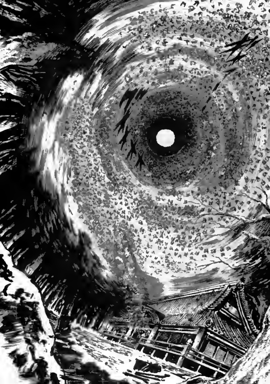
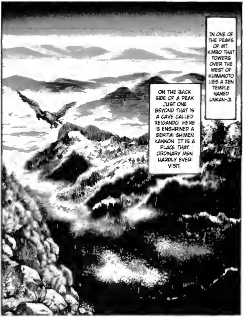
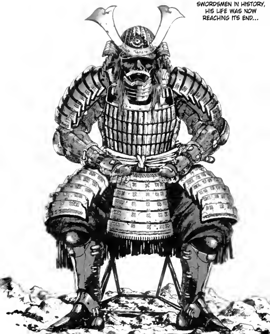
WHAT?
UH!

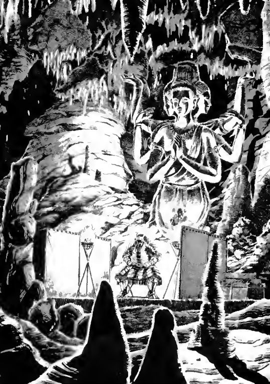

YAGYU NINJA ART: Bird Cloud Dance!
JUBEI'S GETTING AWAY!

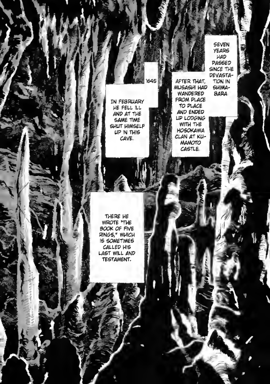
ALL SFX: CAWING AND WINGS FLAPPING

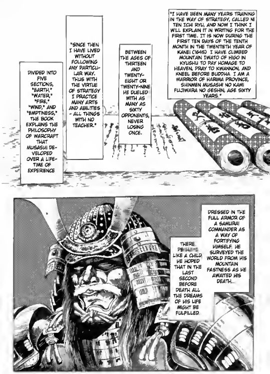


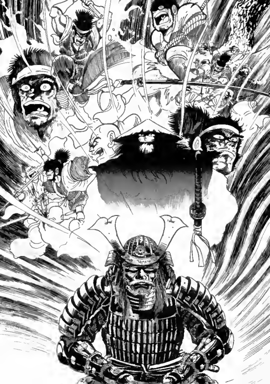

IN ONE OF THE PEAKS OF MT. KIMBO THAT TOWERS OVER THE WEST OF KUMAMOTO LIES A ZEN TEMPLE NAMED UNKAN-JI.
ON THE BACK SIDE OF A PEAK JUST ONE BEYOND THAT IS A CAVE CALLED REIGANDO. HERE IS ENSHRINED A SEKITAI SHIMEN KANNON. IT IS A PLACE THAT ORDINARY MEN HARDLY EVER VISIT.

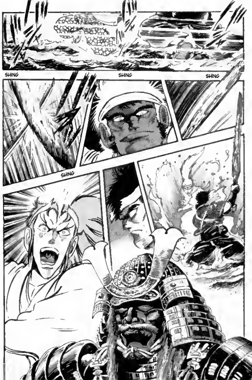

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI—
ONE OF THE GREATEST
SWORDSMEN IN HISTORY,
HIS LIFE WAS NOW
REACHING ITS END...




SEVEN YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THE DEVASTATION IN SHIMABARA
AFTER THAT, MUSASHI HAD WANDERED FROM PLACE TO PLACE AND ENDED UP LODGING WITH THE HOSOKAWA CLAN AT KUMAMOTO CASTLE.
1645
IN FEBRUARY HE FELL ILL AND AT THE SAME TIME SHUT HIMSELF UP IN THIS CAVE.
THERE HE WROTE "THE BOOK OF FIVE RINGS," WHICH IS SOMETIMES CALLED HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.


"I HAVE BEEN MANY YEARS TRAINING IN THE WAY OF STRATEGY, CALLED NI TEN ICHI RYU, AND NOW I THINK I WILL EXPLAIN IT IN WRITING FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT IS NOW DURING THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE TENTH MONTH IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF KANEI (1645) I HAVE CLIMBED MOUNTAIN IWATO OF HIGO IN KYUSHU TO PAY HOMAGE TO HEAVEN, PRAY TO KWANNON, AND KNEEL BEFORE BUDDHA. I AM A WARRIOR OF HARIMA PROVINCE, SHINMEN MUSASHI NO KAMI FUJIWARA NO GESHIN, AGE SIXTY YEARS."
BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE HE DUELED WITH AS MANY AS SIXTY OPPONENTS, NEVER LOSING ONCE.
"SINCE THEN I HAVE LIVED WITHOUT FOLLOWING ANY PARTICULAR WAY. THUS WITH THE VIRTUE OF STRATEGY I PRACTICE MANY ARTS AND ABILITIES - ALL THINGS WITH NO TEACHER."
DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS, "EARTH," "WATER," "FIRE," "WIND," AND "EMPTINESS," THE BOOK EXPLAINS THE PHILOSOPHY OF WARCRAFT THAT MUSASHI DEVELOPED OVER A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE
DRESSED IN THE FULL ARMOR OF A SAMURAI COMMANDER AS A WAY OF FORTIFYING HIMSELF. HE SURVEYED THE WORLD FROM HIS MOUNTAIN FASTNESS AS HE AWAITED HIS DEATH...
THERE PERHAPS LIKE A CHILD HE HOPED THAT IN THE LAST SECOND BEFORE DEATH ALL THE DREAMS OF HIS LIFE MIGHT BE FULFILLED

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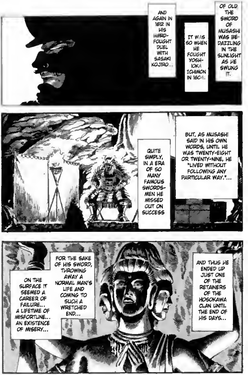
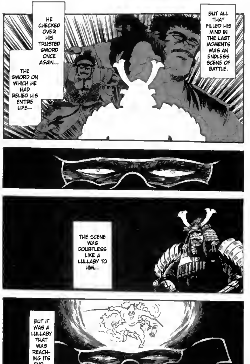
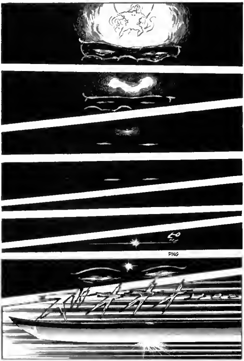

OF OLD THE SWORD OF MUSASHI WAS BEDAZZLING IN THE SUNLIGHT AS HE SWUNG IT.
IT WAS SO WHEN HE FOUGHT YOSHIOKA ICHIMON IN 1604.
AND AGAIN IN 1612 IN HIS HARD-FOUGHT DUEL WITH SASAKI KOJIRO...
BUT, AS MUSASHI SAID IN HIS OWN WORDS, UNTIL HE WAS TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, HE "LIVED WITHOUT FOLLOWING ANY PARTICULAR WAY."...
QUITE SIMPLY, IN A ERA OF SO MANY FAMOUS SWORDSMEN HE MISSED OUT ON SUCCESS
AND THUS HE ENDED UP JUST ONE OF THE RETAINERS OF THE HOSOKAWA CLAN UNTIL THE END OF HIS DAYS...
FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SWORD, THROWING AWAY A NORMAL MAN'S LIFE AND COMING TO SUCH A WRETCHED END...
ON THE SURFACE IT SEEMED A CAREER OF FAILURE... A LIFETIME OF MISFORTUNE... AN EXISTENCE OF MISERY...


HE CHECKED OVER HIS TRUSTED SWORD ONCE AGAIN...
THE SWORD ON WHICH HE HAD RELIED HIS ENTIRE LIFE—
BUT ALL THAT FILLED HIS MIND IN THE LAST MOMENTS WAS AN ENDLESS SCENE OF BATTLE.
THE SCENE WAS DOUBTLESS LIKE A LULLABY TO HIM...
BUT IT WAS A LULLABY THAT WAS REACHING ITS END...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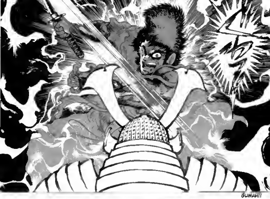
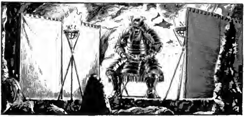
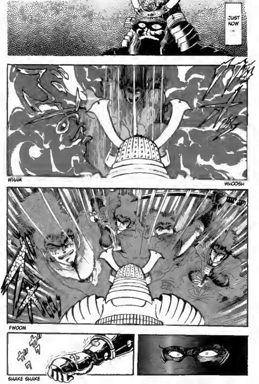
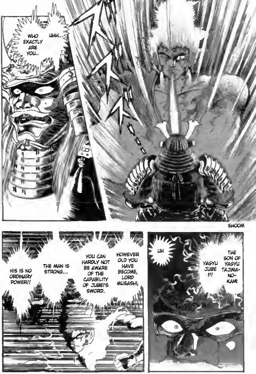
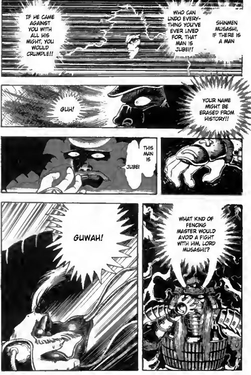
PING
ズバオオオ……
FWOOOM

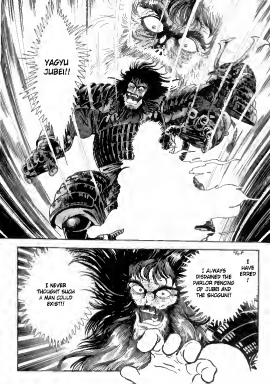

GUWAH!!

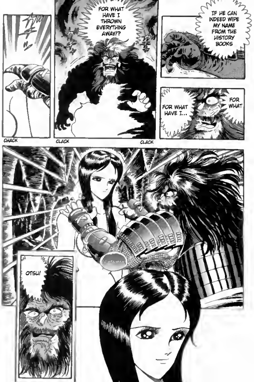



JUST NOW
WHOOSH
WHAM
FWOOM
SHAKE SHAKE


UHH...
WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU..
SHOOM
THE SON OF YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI
YAGYU JUBE !!
UH
HOWEVER OLD YOU HAVE BECOME, LORD MUSASHI,
YOU CAN HARDLY NOT BE AWARE OF THE CAPABILITY OF JUBEI'S SWORD.
THE MAN IS STRONG...
HIS IS NO ORDINARY POWER!!


SHINMEN MUSASHI, IF THERE IS A MAN
WHO CAN UNDO EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER LIVED FOR, THAT MAN IS JUBEI!!
IF HE CAME AGAINST YOU WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, YOU WOULD CRUMPLE!!
YOUR NAME MIGHT BE ERASED FROM HISTORY!!
GUH!
THIS MAN IS JUBEI
WHAT KIND OF FENCING MASTER WOULD AVOID A FIGHT WITH HIM, LORD MUSASHI!?
GUWAH!


YAGYU JUBEI!!
I HAVE ERRED!
I ALWAYS DISDAINED THE PARLOR FENCING OF JUBEI AND THE SHOGUN!!
I NEVER THOUGHT SUCH A MAN COULD EXIST!!


IF HE CAN INDEED WIPE MY NAME FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS
FOR WHAT HAVE I THROWN EVERYTHING AWAY!?
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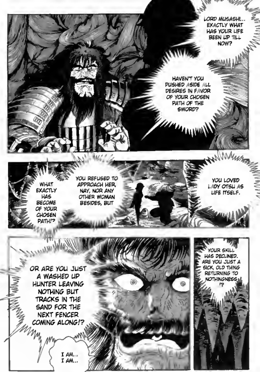
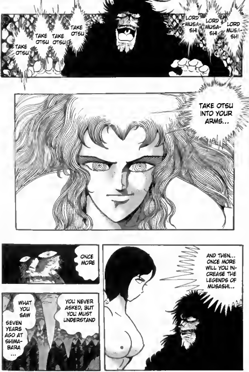
CHACK
FOR WHAT
FOR WHAT HAVE I...
CLACK
CLACK
OTSU!


LORD MUSASHI... EXACTLY WHAT HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN UP TILL NOW?
HAVEN'T YOU PUSHED ASIDE ALL DESIRES IN FAVOR OF YOUR CHOSEN PATH OF THE SWORD?
YOU LOVED LADY OTSU AS LIFE ITSELF.
YOU REFUSED TO APPROACH HER, NAY, NOR ANY OTHER WOMAN BESIDES, BUT
WHAT EXACTLY HAS BECOME OF YOUR CHOSEN PATH!?
YOUR SKILL HAS DECLINED. ARE YOU JUST A SICK, OLD THING RETURNING TO NOTHINGNESS!?
OR ARE YOU JUST A WASHED UP HUNTER LEAVING NOTHING BUT TRACKS IN THE SAND FOR THE NEXT FENCER COMING ALONG!?
I AM... I AM...


TAKE OTSU
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LORD MUSASHI
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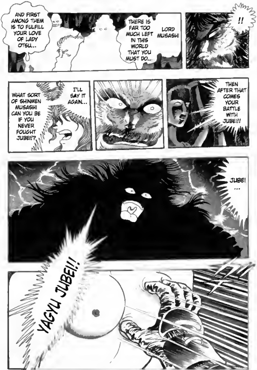
LORD MUSASHI
TAKE OTSU INTO YOUR ARMS...
ONCE MORE
AND THEN... ONCE MORE WILL YOU INCREASE THE LEGENDS OF MUSASHI...
WHAT YOU SAW SEVEN YEARS AGO AT SHIMABARA ...
YOU NEVER ASKED, BUT YOU MUST UNDERSTAND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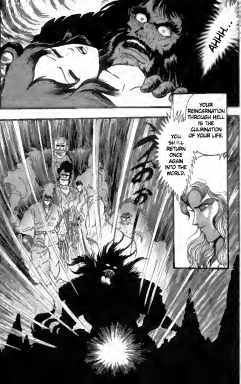
LORD MUSASHI
THERE IS FAR TOO MUCH LEFT IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU MUST DO..
AND FIRST AMONG THEM IS TO FULFILL YOUR LOVE OF LADY OTSU..
THEN AFTER THAT COMES YOUR BATTLE WITH JUBEI!!
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN...
WHAT SORT OF SHINMEN MUSASHI CAN YOU BE IF YOU NEVER FOUGHT JUBEI!?
JUBEI ...
YAGYU JUBEI!!


AHHH...
YOUR REINCARNATION THROUGH HELL IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR LIFE.
YOU SHALL RETURN ONCE AGAIN INTO THE WORLD.
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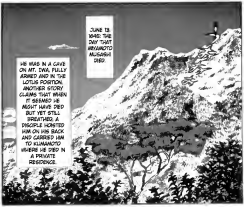
WAHHHH


JUNE 13, 1645: THE DAY THAT MIYAMOTO MUSASHI DIED.
HE WAS IN A CAVE ON MT. IWA, FULLY ARMED AND IN THE LOTUS POSITION. ANOTHER STORY CLAIMS THAT WHEN IT SEEMED HE MIGHT HAVE DIED BUT YET STILL BREATHED, A DISCIPLE HOISTED HIM ON HIS BACK AND CARRIED HIM TO KUMAMOTO WHERE HE DIED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE.

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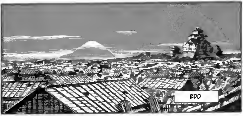

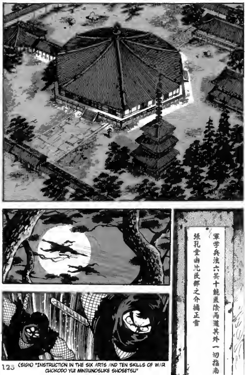
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張孔堂由比民部之介橘正雪

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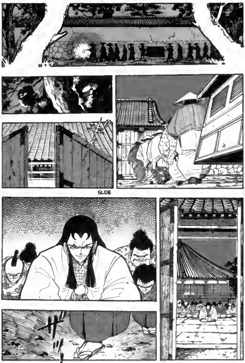
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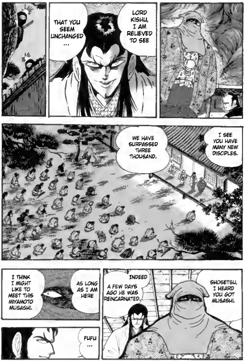
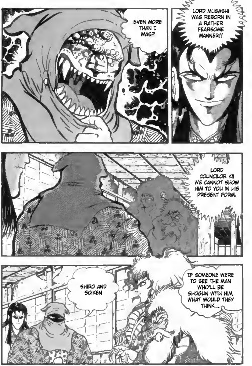
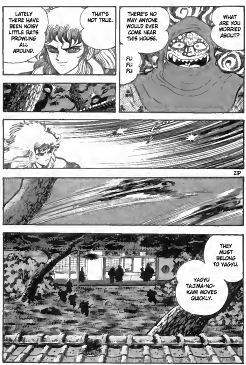
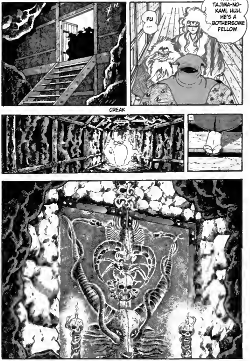
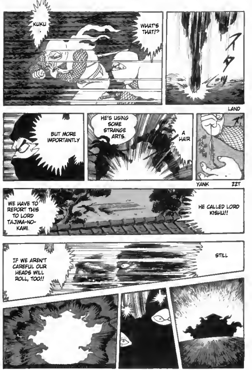

LORD KISHU, I AM RELIEVED TO SEE
THAT YOU SEEM UNCHANGED ...
I SEE YOU HAVE MANY NEW DISCIPLES.
WE HAVE SURPASSED THREE THOUSAND.
SHOSETSU, I HEARD YOU GOT MUSASHI.
INDEED A FEW DAYS AGO HE WAS REINCARNATED.
AS LONG AS I AM HERE
I THINK I MIGHT LIKE TO MEET THIS MIYAMOTO MUSASHI.
FUFU ...


LORD MUSASHI WAS REBORN IN A RATHER FEARSOME MANNER!!
EVEN MORE THAN I WAS?
LORD COUNCILOR KI! WE CANNOT SHOW HIM TO YOU IN HIS PRESENT FORM.
IF SOMEONE WERE TO SEE THE MAN WHO'LL BE SHOGUN WITH HIM, WHAT WOULD THEY THINK...
SHIRO AND SOIKEN


LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN NOISY LITTLE RATS PROWLING ALL AROUND.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD EVER COME NEAR THIS HOUSE.
FU FU FU
WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?
ZIP
THEY MUST BELONG TO YAGYU.
YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI MOVES QUICKLY.


YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI, HUH. HE'S A BOTHERSOME FELLOW.
FU ...
CREAK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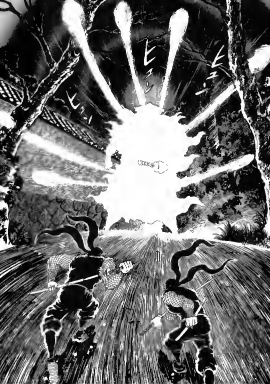
LAND
WHAT'S THAT!?
KUKU
YANK
ZZT
A HAIR
HE'S USING SOME STRANGE ARTS.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY
HE CALLED LORD KISHU!!
WE HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI.
STILL
IF WE AREN'T CAREFUL OUR HEADS WILL ROLL, TOO!!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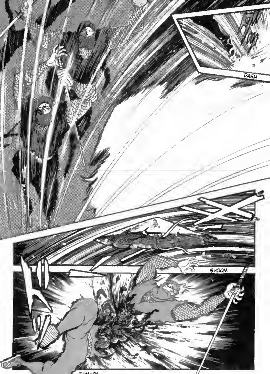
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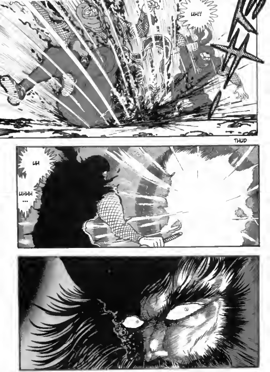
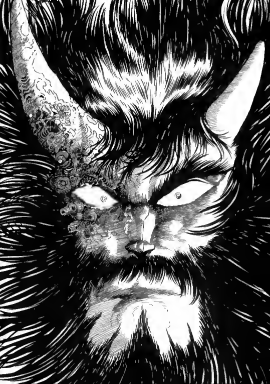
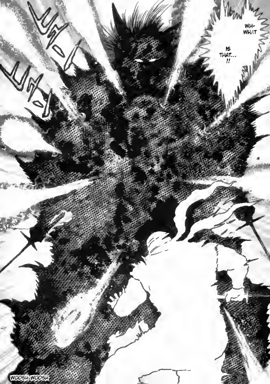
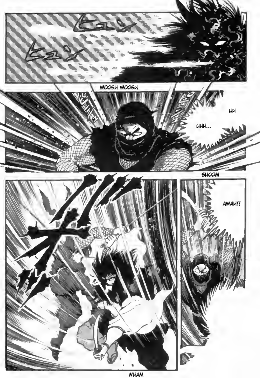

UH!!
THUD
UH
UHHH ...




WH-WHAT IS THAT...!!
WOOSH WOOSH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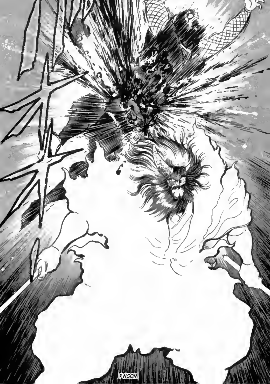
UH
UHH...
SHOOM
AWAH!!
WHAM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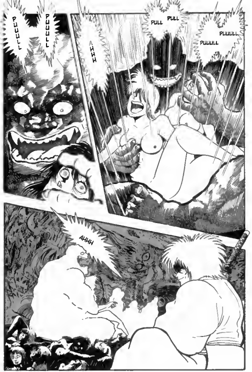
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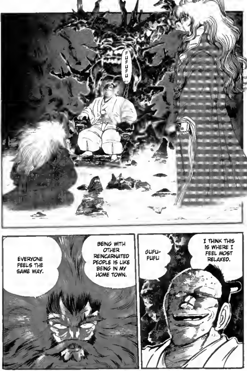
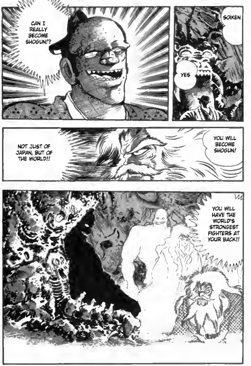
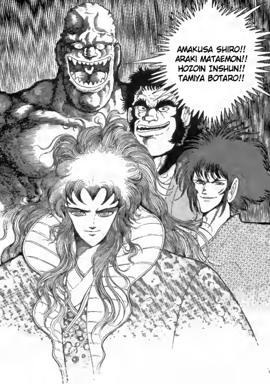
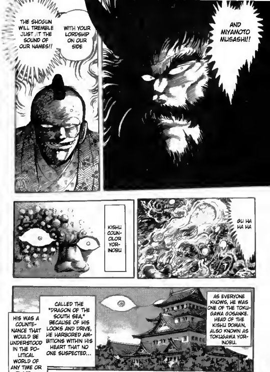
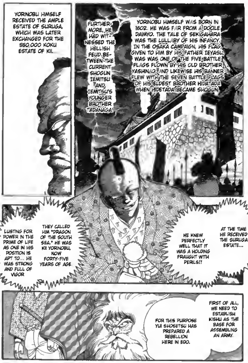
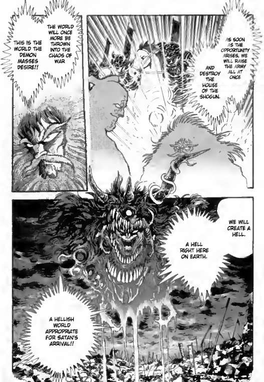

FUFUFU
I THINK THIS IS WHERE I FEEL MOST RELAXED.
GUFU-FUFU
BEING WITH OTHER REINCARNATED PEOPLE IS LIKE BEING IN MY HOME TOWN.
EVERYONE FEELS THE SAME WAY.

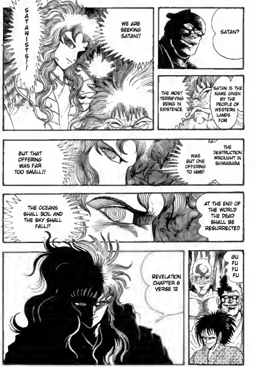

SOIKEN
YES
CAN I REALLY BECOME SHOGUN!?
YOU WILL BECOME SHOGUN!
NOT JUST OF JAPAN, BUT OF THE WORLD!!
YOU WILL HAVE THE WORLD'S STRONGEST FIGHTERS AT YOUR BACK!!


AMAKUSA SHIRO!!
ARAKI MATAEMON!!
HOZOIN INSHUN!!
TAMIYA BOTARO!!


AND MIYAMOTO MUSASHI!!
WITH YOUR LORDSHIP ON OUR SIDE
THE SHOGUN WILL TREMBLE JUST AT THE SOUND OF OUR NAMES!!
GU HA HA HA
KISHU COUNCILOR YORINOBU
AS EVERYONE KNOWS, HE WAS ONE OF THE TOKUGAWA GOSANKE. HEAD OF THE KISHU DOMAIN, ALSO KNOWN AS TOKUGAWA YORINOBU.
CALLED THE "DRAGON OF THE SOUTH SEA," BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS AND DRIVE, HE HARBORED AMBITIONS WITHIN HIS HEART THAT NO ONE SUSPECTED...
HIS WAS A COUNTENANCE THAT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE POLITICAL WORLD OF ANY TIME OR PLACE...


YORINOBU HIMSELF WAS BORN IN 1602. HE WAS FAR FROM A DOCILE DAIMYO. THE TALE OF SEKIGAHARA WAS THE LULLABY OF HIS INFANCY. IN THE OSAKA CAMPAIGN, HIS FLAG, GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER IEYASU, WAS ONE OF THE FIVE BATTLE FLAGS FLOWN BY HIS OLD BROTHER YASHIN-O, AND LIKEWISE HIS BANNER FLEW WITH THE SEVEN BATTLE FLAGS OF HIS ELDEST BROTHER HIDATADA WHEN HIDETADA BECAME SHOGUN.
FURTHERMORE, HE HAD WITNESSED THE HELLISH FEUD BETWEEN THE CURRENT SHOGUN IEMITSU AND IEMITSU'S YOUNGER BROTHER TADANAGA.
YORINOBU HIMSELF RECEIVED THE AMPLE ESTATE OF SURUGA, WHICH WAS LATER EXCHANGED FOR THE 550,000 KOKU ESTATE OF KII.
AT THE TIME HE RECEIVED THE SURUGA ESTATE...
HE KNEW PERFECTLY WELL THAT IT WAS A HOLDING FRAUGHT WITH PERILS!!
THEY CALLED HIM "DRAGON OF THE SOUTH SEA." HE WAS KII YORINOBU, NOW FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.
LUSTING FOR POWER IN THE PRIME OF LIFE AS ONE IN HIS POSITION IS APT TO... HE WAS STRONG AND FULL OF VIGOR.
FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO ESTABLISH KISHU AS THE BASE FOR ASSEMBLING AN ARMY.
FOR THIS PURPOSE YUI SHOSETSU HAS PREPARED A REBELLION HERE IN EDO.


AS SOON AS THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, WE WILL RAISE THE ARMY ALL AT ONCE
AND DESTROY THE HOUSE OF THE SHOGUN.
THE WORLD WILL ONCE MORE BE THROWN INTO THE CHAOS OF WAR
THIS IS THE WORLD THE DEMON MASSES DESIRE!!
WE WILL CREATE A HELL.
A HELL RIGHT HERE ON EARTH.
A HELLISH WORLD APPROPRIATE FOR SATAN'S ARRIVAL!!


SATANISTS!!
WE ARE SEEKING SATAN!!
SATAN?
SATAN IS THE NAME GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN LANDS FOR
THE MOST TERRIFYING BEING IN EXISTENCE
THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT IN SHIMABARA
WAS BUT ONE OFFERING TO HIM!
BUT THAT OFFERING WAS FAR TOO SMALL!!
AT THE END OF THE WORLD THE DEAD SHALL BE RESURRECTED
THE OCEANS SHALL BOIL AND THE SKY SHALL FALL!!
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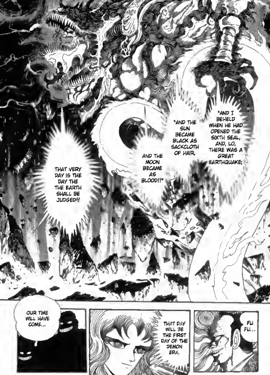
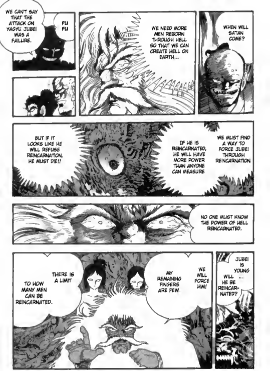
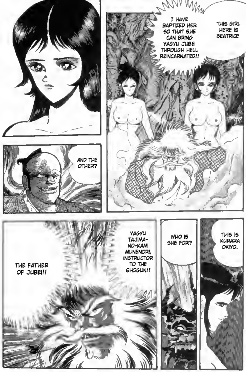
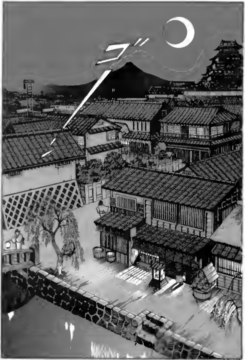
GU FU FU FU


"AND I BEHELD WHEN HE HAD OPENED THE SIXTH SEAL, AND, LO, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE;
"AND THE SUN BECAME BLACK AS SACKCLOTH OF HAIR,
AND THE MOON BECAME AS BLOOD!!"
THAT VERY DAY IS THE DAY THE EARTH SHALL BE JUDGED!!
FU FU...
THAT DAY WILL BE THE FIRST DAY OF THE DEMON ERA.
OUR TIME WILL HAVE COME...


WHEN WILL SATAN COME?
WE NEED MORE MEN REBORN THROUGH HELL SO THAT WE CAN CREATE HELL ON EARTH...
WE CAN'T SAY THAT THE ATTACK ON YAGYU JUBEI WAS A FAILURE.
FU FU
WE MUST FIND A WAY TO FORCE JUBEI THROUGH REINCARNATION
IF HE IS REINCARNATED, HE WILL HAVE MORE POWER THAN ANYONE CAN MEASURE
BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE HE WILL REFUSE REINCARNATION, HE MUST DIE!!
NO ONE MUST KNOW THE POWER OF HELL REINCARNATED.
JUBEI IS YOUNG WILL HE BE REINCARNATED?
WE WILL FORCE HIM!
MY REMAINING FINGERS ARE FEW.
THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW MANY MEN CAN BE REINCARNATED.


THIS GIRL HERE IS BEATRICE
I HAVE BAPTIZED HER SO THAT SHE CAN BRING YAGYU JUBEI THROUGH HELL REINCARNATED!!
AND THE OTHER?
THIS IS KURARA OKIYO.
WHO IS SHE FOR?
YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI MUNENORI, INSTRUCTOR TO THE SHOGUN!!
THE FATHER OF JUBEI!!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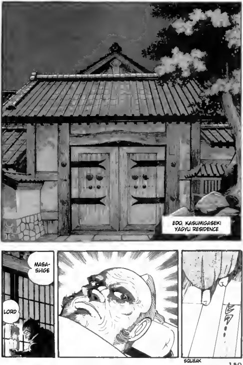
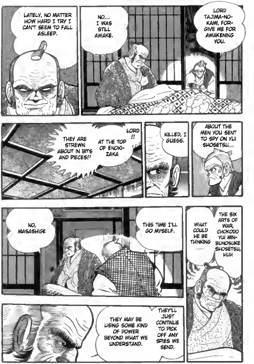
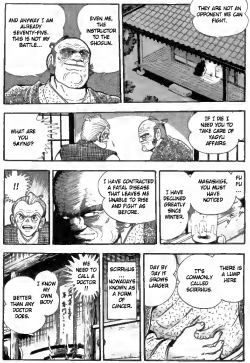

EDO, KASUMIGASEKI
YAGYU RESIDENCE
MASA-SHIGE
LORD
ヒタ…
SQUEAK


LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI, FORGIVE ME FOR AWAKENING YOU.
NO... I WAS STILL AWAKE.
LATELY, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY I CAN'T SEEM TO FALL ASLEEP.
ABOUT THE MEN YOU SENT TO SPY ON YUI SHOSETSU...
KILLED, I GUESS.
LORD !!
AT THE TOP OF ENOKI-ZAKA
THEY ARE STREWN ABOUT IN BITS AND PIECES!!
THE SIX ARTS OF WAR, CHOKODO YUI MIN-BUNOSUKE SHOSETSU, HUH
WHAT COULD HE BE THINKING
THIS TIME I'LL GO MYSELF.
NO, MASASHIGE
THEY'LL JUST CONTINUE TO PICK OFF ANY SPIES WE SEND.
THEY MAY BE USING SOME KIND OF POWER BEYOND WHAT WE UNDERSTAND.


THEY ARE NOT AN OPPONENT WE CAN FIGHT.
EVEN ME, THE INSTRUCTOR TO THE SHOGUN.
AND ANYWAY I AM ALREADY SEVENTY-FIVE. THIS IS NOT MY BATTLE...
IF I DIE I NEED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YAGYU AFFAIRS
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
FU FU ...
MASASHIGE, YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED
I HAVE DECLINED GREATLY SINCE WINTER.
I HAVE CONTRACTED A FATAL DISEASE THAT LEAVES ME UNABLE TO RISE AND FIGHT AS BEFORE.
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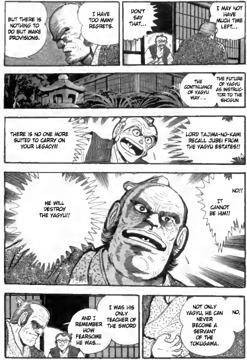
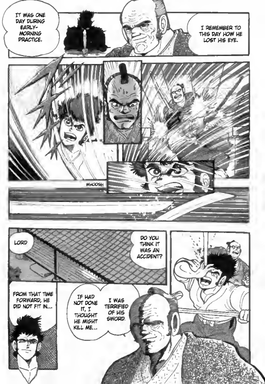
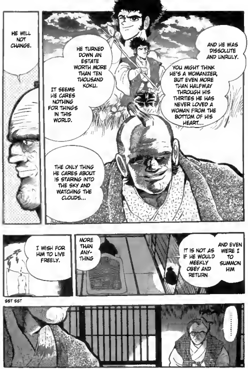
THERE IS A LUMP HERE
IT'S COMMONLY CALLED SCIRRHUS.
DAY BY DAY IT GROWS LARGER
SCIRRHUS ... NOWADAYS KNOWN AS A FORM OF CANCER.
WE NEED TO CALL A DOCTOR !!
I KNOW MY OWN BODY BETTER THAN ANY DOCTOR DOES.


I MAY NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...
DON'T SAY THAT...
I HAVE TOO MANY REGRETS.
BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO DO BUT MAKE PROVISIONS.
THE FUTURE OF YAGYU AS INSTRUCTOR TO THE SHOGUN
THE CONTINUANCE OF YAGYU WAY...
LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI RECALL JUBEI FROM THE YAGYU ESTATES!!
THERE IS NO ONE MORE SUITED TO CARRY ON YOUR LEGACY!!
NO!!
IT CANNOT BE HIM!!
HE WILL DESTROY THE YAGYU!!
NO,
NOT ONLY YAGYU, HE CAN NEVER BECOME A SERVANT OF THE TOKUGAWA.
I WAS HIS ONLY TEACHER OF THE SWORD
AND I REMEMBER HOW FEARSOME HE WAS...


I REMEMBER TO THIS DAY HOW HE LOST HIS EYE.
IT WAS ONE DAY DURING EARLY-MORNING PRACTICE.
WHOOSH
DO YOU THINK IT WAS AN ACCIDENT?
LORD
I WAS TERRIFIED OF HIS SWORD.
IF HAD NOT DONE IT, I THOUGHT HE MIGHT KILL ME...
FROM THAT TIME FORWARD, HE DID NOT FIT IN...


AND HE WAS DISSOLUTE AND UNRULY.
YOU MIGHT THINK HE'S A WOMANIZER, BUT EVEN MORE THAN HALFWAY THROUGH HIS THIRTIES HE HAS NEVER LOVED A WOMAN FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART…
HE TURNED DOWN AN ESTATE WORTH MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND KOKU.
IT SEEMS HE CARES NOTHING FOR THINGS IN THIS WORLD.
THE ONLY THING HE CARES ABOUT IS STARING INTO THE SKY AND WATCHING THE CLOUDS…
HE WILL NOT CHANGE.
AND EVEN WERE I TO SUMMON HIM
IT IS NOT AS IF HE WOULD MEEKLY OBEY AND RETURN
MORE THAN ANY-THING
I WISH FOR HIM TO LIVE FREELY.
SST SST
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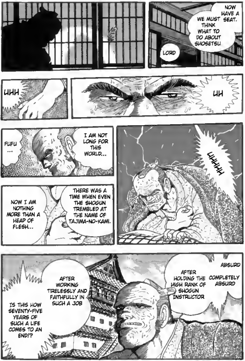
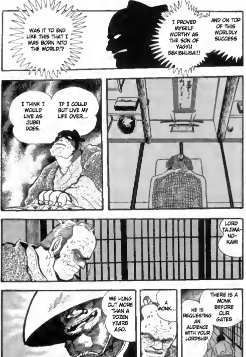
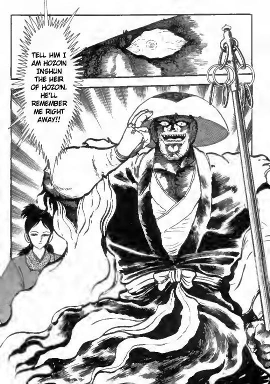
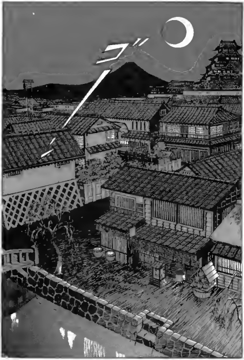

NOW HAVE A SEAT.
WE MUST THINK WHAT TO DO ABOUT SHOSETSU
LORD
UH
UHH
HHHHH
I AM NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD...
FUFU ...
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN EVEN THE SHOGUN TREMBLED AT THE NAME OF TAJIMA-NO-KAMI.
NOW I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A HEAP OF FLESH...
ABSURD
COMPLETELY ABSURD
AFTER HOLDING THE HIGH RANK OF SHOGUN INSTRUCTOR
AFTER WORKING TIRELESSLY AND FAITHFULLY IN SUCH A JOB
IS THIS HOW SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SUCH A LIFE COMES TO AN END!?


AND ON TOP OF THIS WORLDLY SUCCESS
I PROVED MYSELF WORTHY AS THE SON OF YAGYU SEKISHUSAI!!!
WAS IT TO END LIKE THIS THAT I WAS BORN INTO THE WORLD!?
IF I COULD BUT LIVE MY LIFE OVER..
I THINK I WOULD LIVE AS JUBEI DOES.
LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI!
THERE IS A MONK BEFORE OUR GATES
HE IS REQUESTING AN AUDIENCE WITH YOUR LORDSHIP.
A MONK...
WE HUNG OUT MORE THAN A DOZEN YEARS AGO.


TELL HIM I AM HOZOIN INSHUN THE HEIR OF HOZOIN. HE'LL REMEMBER ME RIGHT AWAY!!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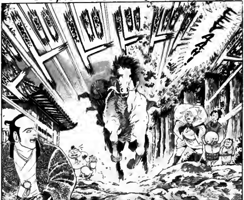
Chapter Five

Yagyu
Tajima-no-Kami



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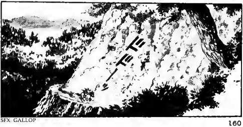

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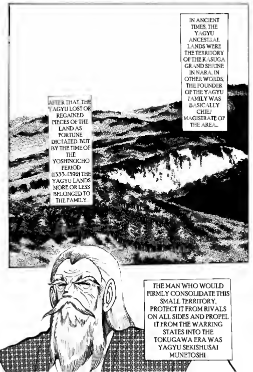
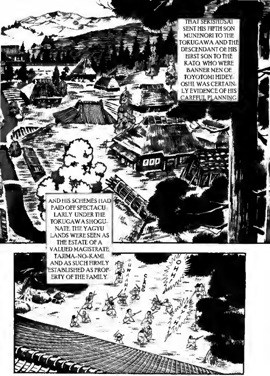
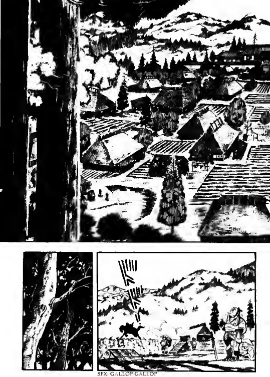

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE YAGYU ANCESTRAL LANDS WERE THE TERRITORY OF THE KASUGA GRAND SHRINE IN NARA. IN OTHER WORDS, THE FOUNDER OF THE YAGYU FAMILY WAS BASICALLY CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF THE AREA.
AFTER THAT THE YAGYU LOST OR REGAINED PIECES OF THE LAND AS FORTUNE DICTATED BUT BY THE TIME OF THE YOSHINOCHO PERIOD (1333-1392) THE YAGYU LANDS MORE OR LESS BELONGED TO THE FAMILY.
THE MAN WHO WOULD FIRMLY CONSOLIDATE THIS SMALL TERRITORY, PROTECT IT FROM RIVALS ON ALL SIDES AND PROPEL IT FROM THE WARRING STATES INTO THE TOKUGAWA ERA WAS YAGYU SEKISHUSAI MUNETOSHI.


THAT SEKISHUSAI SENT HIS FIFTH SON MUNENORI TO THE TOKUGAWA AND THE DESCENDANT OF HIS FIRST SON TO THE KATO WHO WERE BANNER MEN OF TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI WAS CERTAINLY EVIDENCE OF HIS CAREFUL PLANNING
AND HIS SCHEMES HAD PAID OFF SPECTACULARLY UNDER THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE THE YAGYU LANDS WERE SEEN AS THE ESTATE OF A VALUED MAGISTRATE TAJIMA-NO-KAMI AND AS SUCH FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS PROPERTY OF THE FAMILY
OHH!
CLANG
UWAAAH!
EYAAH!



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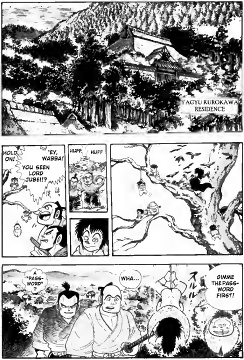
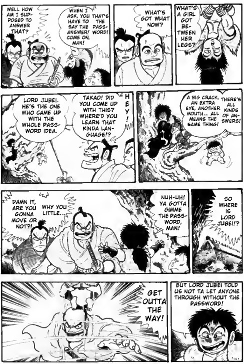
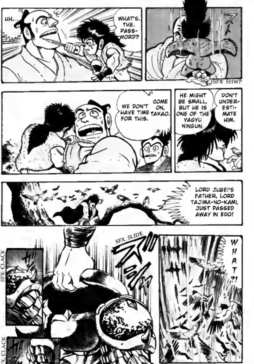
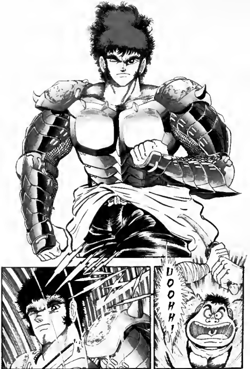
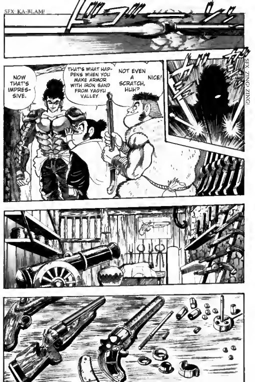

YAGYU KUROKAWA RESIDENCE
'EY, WABBA!
YOU SEEN LORD JUBEI!?
HOLD ON!
はっ はっ
HUFF HUFF
A "PASSWORD"?
WHA...
スルル
GIMME THE PASSWORD FIRST!

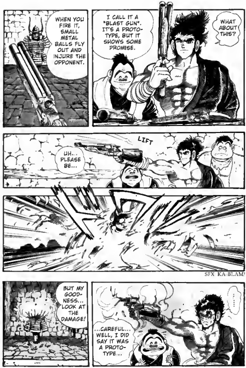

WELL HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO ANSWER THAT?
WHEN I ASK, YOU HAVE TO SAY THE ANSWER! THAT'S THE PASSWORD! COME ON, MAN!
WHAT'S GOT WHAT NOW?
WHAT'S A GIRL GOT BETWEEN HER LEGS?
LORD JUBEI. HE'S THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE WHOLE PASSWORD IDEA.
TAKAO! DID YOU COME UP WITH THIS? WHERE'D YOU LEARN THAT KINDA LANGUAGE!?
HEY!
A BIG CRACK, AN EXTRA EYE, ANOTHER MOUTH.. ALL MEANS THE SAME THING!
THERE'S ALL KINDS OF ANSWERS!
DAMN IT, ARE YOU GONNA MOVE OR NOT?!
WHY YOU LITTLE...
NUH-UH! YA GOTTA GIMME THE PASSWORD, MAN!
SO WHERE IS LORD JUBEI!?
GET OUTTA THE WAY!
BUT LORD JUBEI TOLD US NOT TA LET ANYONE THROUGH WITHOUT THE PASSWORD!


SFX SHWP
WHAT'S. THE. PASSWORD?
UH...
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM.
HE MIGHT BE SMALL, BUT HE IS ONE OF THE YAGYU NINGUN
COME ON, TAKAO.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
LORD JUBEI'S FATHER, LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI, JUST PASSED AWAY IN EDO!
WHAT?!
SFX SLIDE
SFX CLACK
SFX CLACK



SFX CLASH


SFX: KA-BLAM!
SFX: ZING! ZING!
NICE!
NOT EVEN A SCRATCH, HUH?
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MAKE ARMOR WITH IRON SAND FROM YAGYU VALLEY.
NOW THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.


WHEN YOU FIRE IT, SMALL METAL BALLS FLY OUT AND INJURE THE OPPONENT.
I CALL IT A "BLAST GUN". IT'S A PROTO-TYPE, BUT IT SHOWS SOME PROMISE.
WHAT ABOUT THIS?
LIFT
UH... PLEASE BE...
SFX KA-BLAM!
BUT MY GOODNESS... LOOK AT THE DAMAGE!
...CAREFUL... WELL, I DID SAY IT WAS A PROTO-TYPE...
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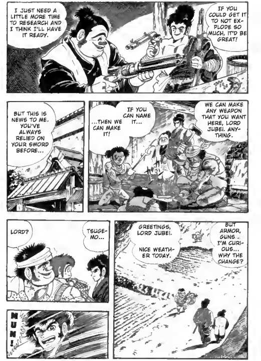
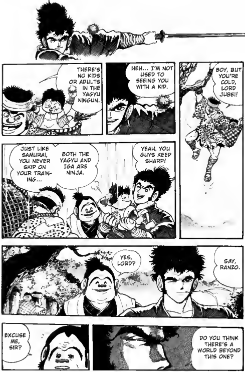
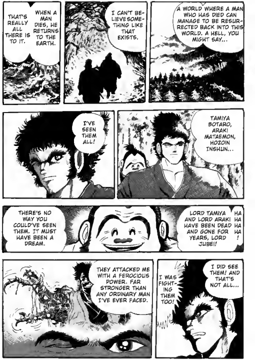
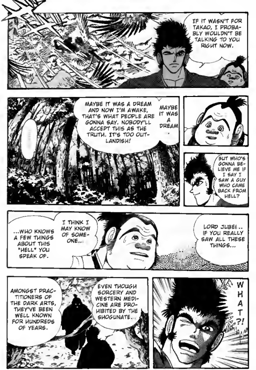
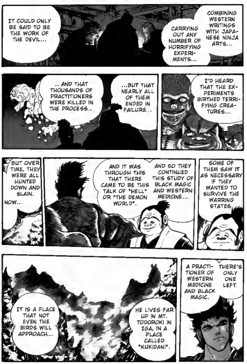
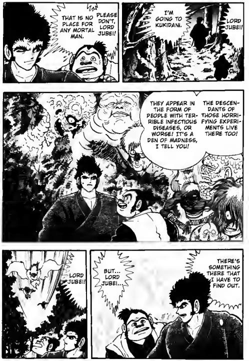

IF YOU COULD GET IT TO NOT EXPLODE SO MUCH, IT'D BE GREAT!
I JUST NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME TO RESEARCH AND I THINK I'LL HAVE IT READY.
WE CAN MAKE ANY WEAPON THAT YOU WANT HERE, LORD JUBEI. ANYTHING.
IF YOU CAN NAME IT...
...THEN WE CAN MAKE IT!
BUT THIS IS NEWS TO ME. YOU'VE ALWAYS RELIED ON YOUR SWORD BEFORE...
BUT ARMOR, GUNS... I'M CURIOUS... WHY THE CHANGE?
GREETINGS, LORD JUBEI.
NICE WEATHER TODAY.
TSUGEMO...
LORD?
MUN!

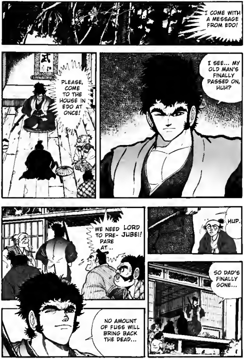

BOY, BUT YOU'RE COLD, LORD JUBEI!!
HEH... I'M NOT USED TO SEEING YOU WITH A KID.
THERE'S NO KIDS OR ADULTS IN THE YAGYU NINGUN.
YEAH, YOU GUYS KEEP SHARP!
BOTH THE YAGYU AND IGA ARE NINJA.
JUST LIKE SAMURAI, YOU NEVER SKIP ON YOUR TRAINING...
SAY, RANZO.
YES, LORD?
DO YOU THINK THERE'S A WORLD BEYOND THIS ONE?
EXCUSE ME, SIR?

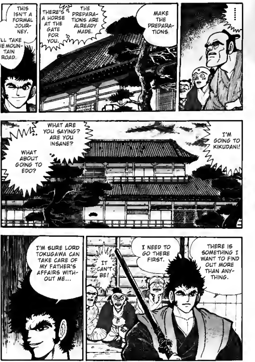

WHEN A MAN DIES, HE RETURNS TO THE EARTH.
THAT'S REALLY ALL THERE IS TO IT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT EXISTS.
A WORLD WHERE A MAN WHO HAS DIED CAN MANAGE TO BE RESURRECTED BACK INTO THIS WORLD. A HELL, YOU MIGHT SAY...
I'VE SEEN THEM ALL!
TAMIYA BOTARO, ARAKI MATAEMON, HOZOIN INSHUN...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE SEEN THEM. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A DREAM.
LORD TAMIYA AND LORD ARAKI HAVE BEEN DEAD AND GONE FOR YEARS, LORD JUBEI!
HA HA HA HA !
THEY ATTACKED ME WITH A FEROCIOUS POWER. FAR STRONGER THAN ANY ORDINARY MAN I'VE EVER FACED.
I DID SEE THEM! AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
I WAS FIGHTING THEM TOO!


IF IT WASN'T FOR TAKAO, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE TALKING TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
MAYBE IT WAS A DREAM
BUT WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE ME IF I SAY I SAW A GUY WHO CAME BACK FROM HELL?
MAYBE IT WAS A DREAM AND NOW I'M AWAKE, THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE GONNA SAY. NOBODY'LL ACCEPT THIS AS THE TRUTH. IT'S TOO OUTLANDISH!
LORD JUBEI .. IF YOU REALLY SAW ALL THESE THINGS...
I THINK I MAY KNOW OF SOMEONE...
...WHO KNOWS A FEW THINGS ABOUT THIS "HELL" YOU SPEAK OF.
WHAT?!
EVEN THOUGH SORCERY AND WESTERN MEDICINE ARE PROHIBITED BY THE SHOGUNATE...
AMONGST PRACTITIONERS OF THE DARK ARTS, THEY'VE BEEN WELL KNOWN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.


COMBINING WESTERN WRITINGS WITH JAPANESE NINJA ARTS...
CARRYING OUT ANY NUMBER OF HORRIFYING EXPERIMENTS...
IT COULD ONLY BE SAID TO BE THE WORK OF THE DEVIL...
I'D HEARD THAT THE EXPERIMENTS BIRTHED TERRIFYING CREATURES...
...BUT THAT NEARLY ALL OF THEM ENDED IN FAILURE...
.. AND THAT THOUSANDS OF PRACTITIONERS WERE KILLED IN THE PROCESS.
SOME OF THEM SAW IT AS NECESSARY IF THEY WANTED TO SURVIVE THE WARRING STATES.
AND SO THEY CONTINUED THIS STUDY OF BLACK MAGIC AND WESTERN MEDICINE...
AND IT WAS THROUGH THIS THAT THERE CAME TO BE THIS TALK OF "HELL" OR "THE DEMON WORLD".
BUT OVER TIME, THEY WERE ALL HUNTED DOWN AND SLAIN. NOW...
THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT
A PRACTITIONER OF WESTERN MEDICINE AND BLACK MAGIC.
HE LIVES FAR UP IN MT. TODOROKI IN IGA, IN A PLACE CALLED "KUKIDANI".
IT IS A PLACE THAT NOT EVEN THE BIRDS WILL APPROACH...


THAT IS NO PLACE FOR ANY MORTAL MAN.
PLEASE DON'T, LORD JUBEI!
I'M GOING TO KUKIDANI.
LORD JUBEI!
THEY APPEAR IN THE FORM OF PEOPLE WITH TERRIBLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OR WORSE! IT'S A DEN OF MADNESS, I TELL YOU!
THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE HORRIFYING EXPERIMENTS LIVE THERE TOO!
LORD JUBEI!
BUT... LORD JUBEI...
THERE'S SOMETHING THERE THAT I HAVE TO FIND OUT.


I COME WITH A MESSAGE FROM EDO!
PLEASE, COME TO THE HOUSE IN EDO AT ONCE!
I SEE... MY OLD MAN'S FINALLY PASSED ON, HUH?
WE NEED TO PRE- PARE AT..
LORD JUBEI!
HUP.
SO DAD'S FINALLY GONE...
NO AMOUNT OF FUSS WILL BRING BACK THE DEAD...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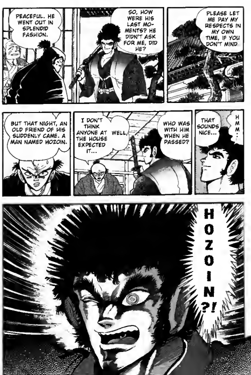
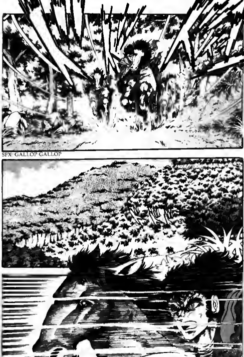
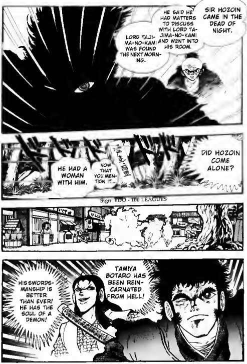
MAKE THE PREPARATIONS.
THE PREPARATIONS ARE ALREADY MADE.
THERE'S A HORSE AT THE GATE FOR YOU.
THIS ISN'T A FORMAL JOURNEY.
I'LL TAKE THE MOUNTAIN ROAD.
I'M GOING TO KIKUDANI!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ARE YOU INSANE?
WHAT ABOUT GOING TO EDO?
THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO FIND OUT MORE THAN ANYTHING.
I NEED TO GO THERE FIRST.
IT CAN'T BE!
I'M SURE LORD TOKUGAWA CAN TAKE CARE OF MY FATHER'S AFFAIRS WITHOUT ME...


PLEASE LET ME PAY MY RESPECTS IN MY OWN TIME, IF YOU DON'T MIND
SO, HOW WERE HIS LAST MOMENTS? HE DIDN'T ASK FOR ME, DID HE?
PEACEFUL. HE WENT OUT IN SPLENDID FASHION.
HMM...
THAT SOUNDS NICE...
WHO WAS WITH HIM WHEN HE PASSED?
WELL,
I DON'T THINK ANYONE AT THE HOUSE EXPECTED IT...
BUT THAT NIGHT, AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS SUDDENLY CAME. A MAN NAMED HOZOIN.
HOZOIN?!


SFX: GALLOP GALLOP


SIR HOZOIN CAME IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.
HE SAID HE HAD MATTERS TO DISCUSS WITH LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI AND WENT INTO HIS ROOM.
LORD TAJIMA-NO-KAMI WAS FOUND THE NEXT MORNING.
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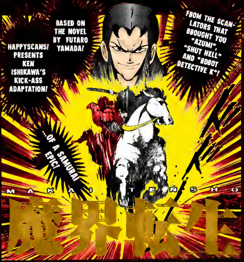
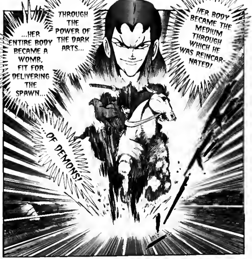
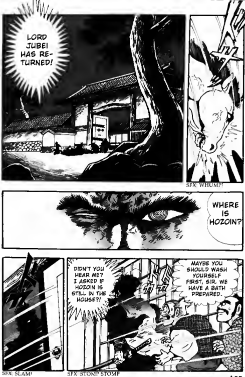
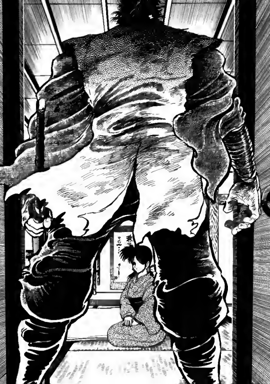
DID HOZOIN COME ALONE?
戸まで百里
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
HE HAD A WOMAN WITH HIM.
TAMIYA BOTARO HAS BEEN REINCARNATED FROM HELL!
HIS SWORDSMANSHIP IS BETTER THAN EVER! HE HAS THE SOUL OF A DEMON!

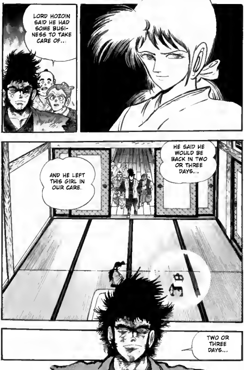
Sign: EDO - 100 LEAGUES

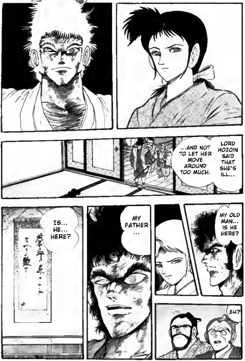

HAPPYSCANS! PRESENTS KEN ISHIKAWA'S KICK-ASS ADAPTATION!
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY FUTARO YAMADA!
FROM THE SCANLATORS THAT BROUGHT YOU "AZUMI", "SHUT HELL" AND "ROBOT DETECTIVE K"!
...OF A SAMURAI EPIC!
MAKAI TENSHO
魔界転生

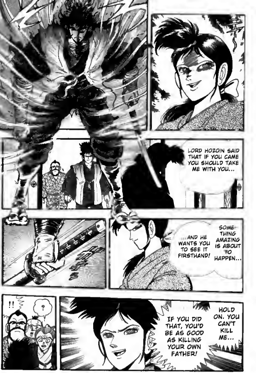

HER BODY BECAME THE MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH HE WAS REINCARNATED!
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE DARK ARTS...
...HER ENTIRE BODY BECAME A WOMB, FIT FOR DELIVERING THE SPAWN...
...OF DEMONS!


LORD JUBEI HAS RETURNED!
SFX WHUMP!
WHERE IS HOZOIN?
SFX SLAM!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? I ASKED IF HOZOIN IS STILL IN THE HOUSE?!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD WASH YOURSELF FIRST, SIR. WE HAVE A BATH PREPARED.
SFX STOMP STOMP




LORD HOZOIN SAID HE HAD SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF...
AND HE LEFT THIS GIRL IN OUR CARE.
HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TWO OR THREE DAYS...
TWO OR THREE DAYS...


LORD HOZOIN SAID THAT SHE'S ILL...
...AND NOT TO LET HER MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH.
MY OLD MAN... IS HE HERE?
MY FATHER ...
IS... HE... HERE?
EH?


LORD HOZOIN SAID THAT IF YOU CAME YOU SHOULD TAKE ME WITH YOU...
SOMETHING AMAZING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
...AND HE WANTS YOU TO SEE IT FIRSTHAND!
HOLD ON. YOU CAN'T KILL ME...
IF YOU DID THAT, YOU'D BE AS GOOD AS KILLING YOUR OWN FATHER!
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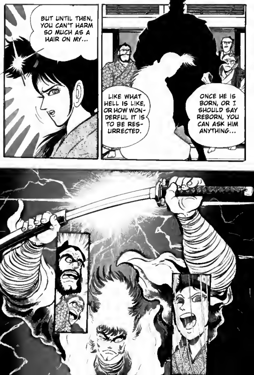
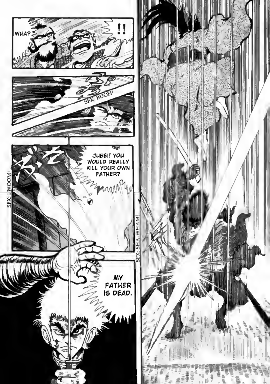
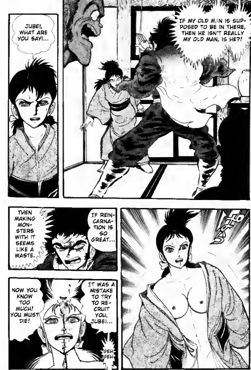
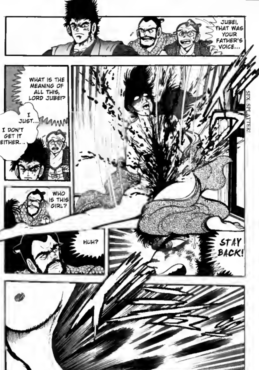
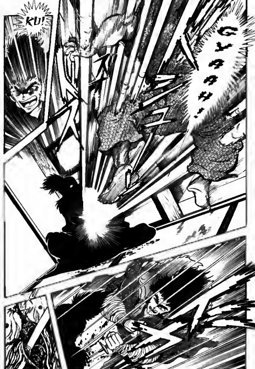
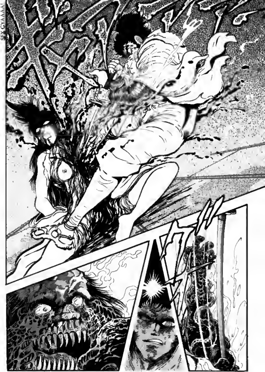

ONCE HE IS BORN, OR I SHOULD SAY REBORN, YOU CAN ASK HIM ANYTHING...
LIKE WHAT HELL IS LIKE, OR HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO BE RESURRECTED.
BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN'T HARM SO MUCH AS A HAIR ON MY...

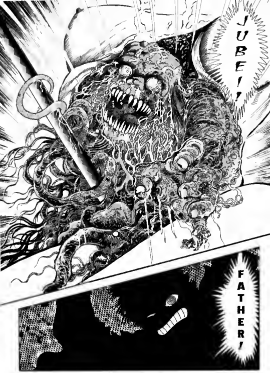

WHA?
!!
SFX: BUOH!
SFX: WOOM!
JUBEI!? YOU WOULD REALLY KILL YOUR OWN FATHER?
MY FATHER IS DEAD.
SFX: SHA-WHAM!

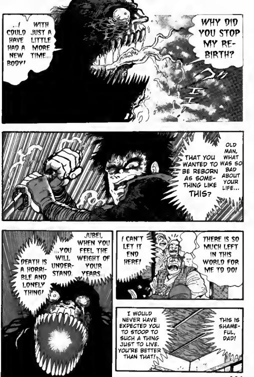

IF MY OLD MAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THERE, THEN HE ISN'T REALLY MY OLD MAN, IS HE?!
JUBEI, WHAT ARE YOU SAYI...
IF REINCARNATION IS SO GREAT...
THEN MAKING MONSTERS WITH IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO RECRUIT YOU, JUBEI...
NOW YOU KNOW TOO MUCH! YOU MUST DIE!
GEH GEH


JUBEI, THAT WAS YOUR FATHER'S VOICE...
SFX SPLATTER!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL THIS, LORD JUBEI?
I JUST... I DON'T GET IT EITHER...
WHO IS THIS GIRL?
STAY BACK!
HUH?
SFX WHOOSH!

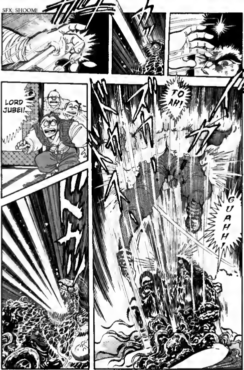

GYAAAH!!
KU!


SFX GYAAAA!
SFX GUOOH!

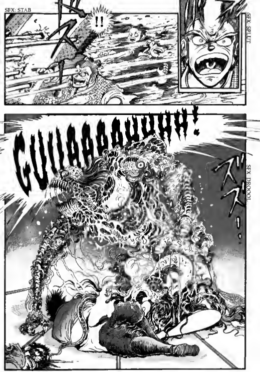

JUBE!!
FATHER!


WHY DID YOU STOP MY RE-BIRTH?
WITH JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME...
...I COULD HAVE HAD A NEW BODY!
OLD MAN, WHAT WAS SO BAD ABOUT YOUR LIFE...
THAT YOU WANTED TO BE REBORN AS SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
JUBEI, WHEN YOU FEEL THE WEIGHT OF YOUR YEARS
...YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.
DEATH IS A HORRIBLE AND LONELY THING!
I CAN'T LET IT END HERE!
THERE IS SO MUCH LEFT IN THIS WORLD FOR ME TO DO!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPECTED YOU TO STOOP TO SUCH A THING JUST TO LIVE. YOU'RE BETTER THAN THAT!
THIS IS SHAMEFUL, DAD!

SFX: SHOOM!


TOAH!
GUAHH!
LORD JUBEI!

SFX: WHOOM! SFX: FWOOM! THUD! THWACK!


SFX: SPLUT
SFX: STAB
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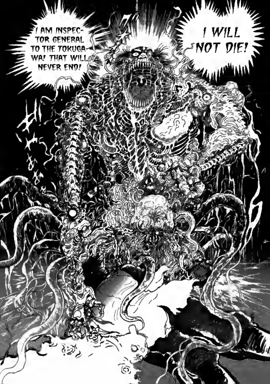
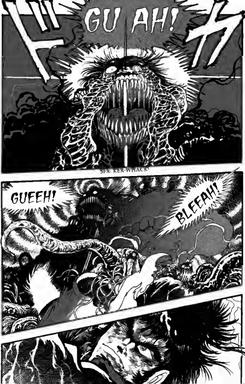
GUUAAAAUUUAH!
SFX: DROOL

GYAAH!
BLEAH!


I WILL NOT DIE!
I AM INSPECTOR GENERAL TO THE TOKUGAWA! THAT WILL NEVER END!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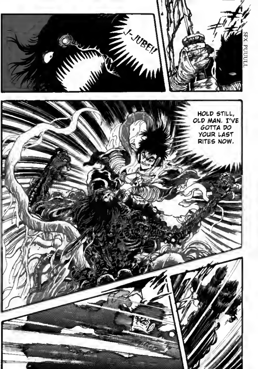
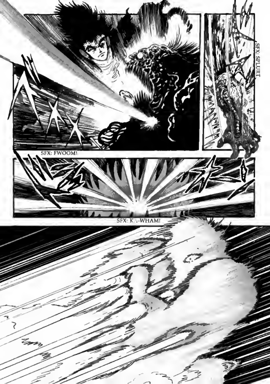
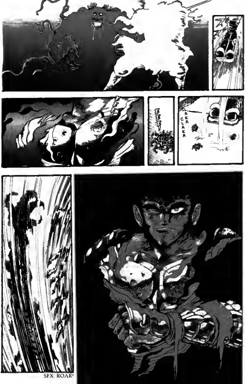
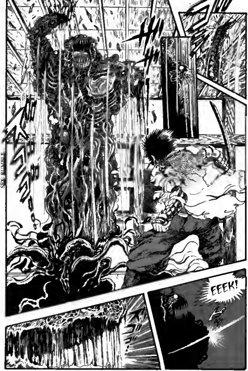
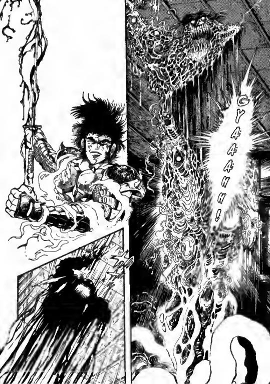
GU AH!
SFX KER-WHACK!
GUEEH!
BLEEAH!


SFX PUUUL
J-JUBEI!
HOLD STILL, OLD MAN. I'VE GOTTA DO YOUR LAST RITES NOW.
SFX ROAR!
SFX THWUP!


SFX: SPLURT
SFX: FWOOM!
SFX: KA-WHAM!


CLAKA
CLAKA
EEE!
EEE
SFX ROAR


SFX WHAM!
SFX RUMBLE
EEEK!
SFX RUMBLE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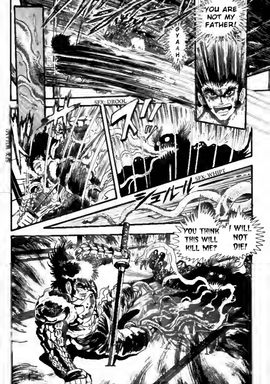
YOU ARE NOT MY FATHER!
GYAAAH!
SFX: DROOL
ズ!!
SFX: WHAM!
SFX: WHIPT
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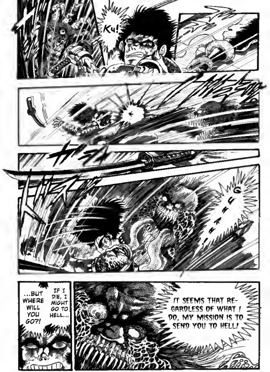
I WILL NOT DIE!
YOU THINK THIS WILL KILL ME?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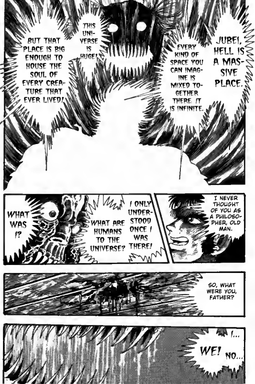
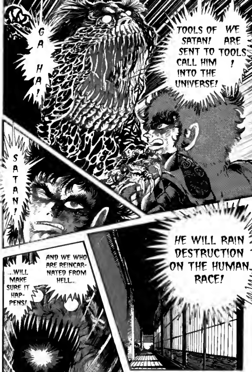
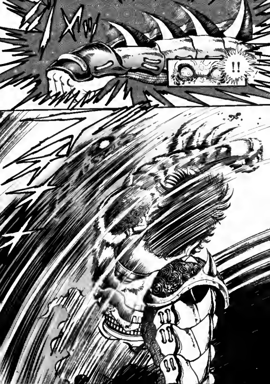
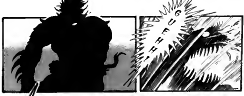
IT SEEMS THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT I DO, MY MISSION IS TO SEND YOU TO HELL!
IF I DIE, I MIGHT GO TO HELL...
...BUT WHERE WILL YOU GO?!

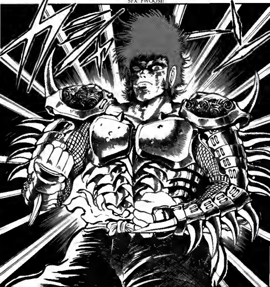

JUBEI, HELL IS A MASSIVE PLACE.
EVERY KIND OF SPACE YOU CAN IMAGINE IS MIXED TOGETHER THERE IT IS INFINITE.
THIS UNIVERSE IS HUGE!
BUT THAT PLACE IS BIG ENOUGH TO HOUSE THE SOUL OF EVERY CREATURE THAT EVER LIVED!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS A PHILOSOPHER, OLD MAN.
I ONLY UNDERSTOOD ONCE I WAS THERE!
WHAT ARE HUMANS TO THE UNIVERSE?
WHAT WAS I?
SO, WHAT WERE YOU, FATHER?
I...
NO...
WE!

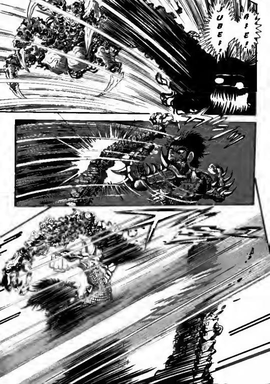

WE ARE TOOLS!
TOOLS OF SATAN! SENT TO CALL HIM INTO THE UNIVERSE!
GA HA!
SATAN!
HE WILL RAIN DESTRUCTION ON THE HUMAN RACE!
AND WE WHO ARE REINCARNATED FROM HELL...
...WILL MAKE SURE IT HAPPENS!

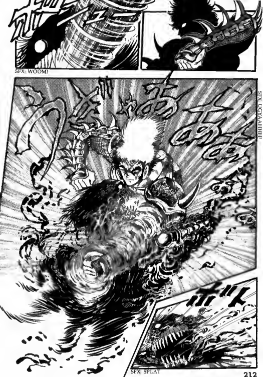




SFX: FWOOM!




AIE!
JUBEI!!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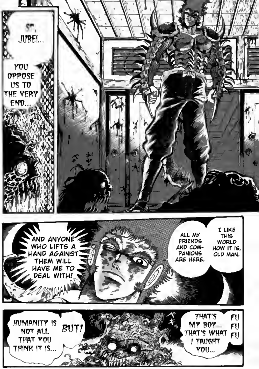
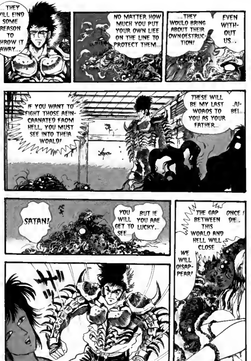
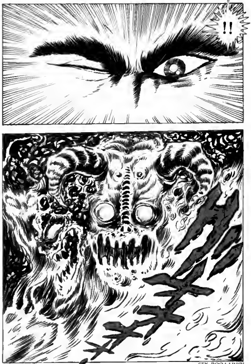
SFX: UGYAAHHH!
SFX: SPLAT


ST. JUBEI...
YOU OPPOSE US TO THE VERY END...
I LIKE THIS WORLD HOW IT IS, OLD MAN.
ALL MY FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS ARE HERE.
AND ANYONE WHO LIFTS A HAND AGAINST THEM WILL HAVE ME TO DEAL WITH!
HUMANITY IS NOT ALL THAT YOU THINK IT IS...
BUT!
THAT'S MY BOY... THAT'S WHAT I TAUGHT YOU...
FU FU FU


...THEY WILL FIND SOME REASON TO THROW IT AWAY...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PUT YOUR OWN LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THEM...
...THEY WOULD BRING ABOUT THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION!
EVEN WITHOUT US...
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT THOSE REINCARNATED FROM HELL, YOU MUST SEE INTO THEIR WORLD!
THESE WILL BE MY LAST WORDS TO YOU AS YOUR FATHER...
JUBEI
SATAN!
YOU WILL GET TO SEE...
BUT IF YOU ARE LUCKY...
THE GAP BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND HELL WILL CLOSE
ONCE I DIE.
WE WILL DISAPPEAR!



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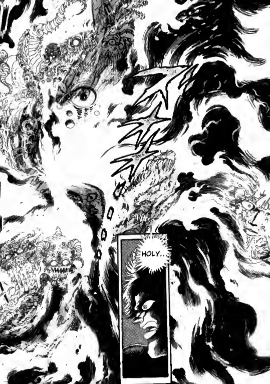
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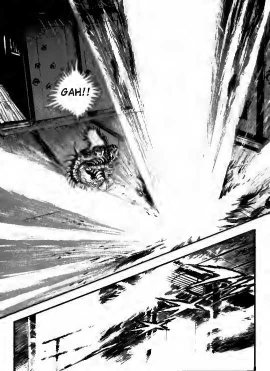

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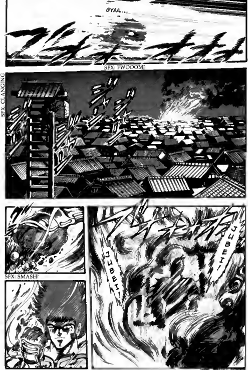
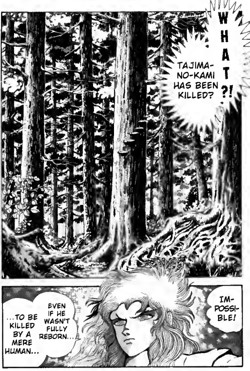

GYAA...
JUBEI!
JUBEI!

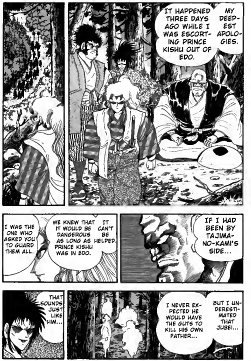
SFX: FWOOOM!

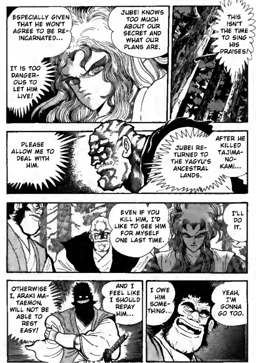
SFX: CLANGING

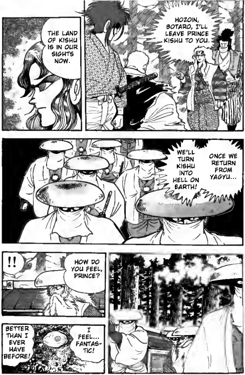
SFX: SMASH!

SFX: ROOAARRR!


WHAT?!
TAJIMA-NO-KAMI HAS BEEN KILLED?
IMPOSSIBLE!
EVEN IF HE WASN'T FULLY REBORN...
...TO BE KILLED BY A MERE HUMAN...


MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES.
IT HAPPENED THREE DAYS AGO WHILE I WAS ESCORTING PRINCE KISHU OUT OF EDO.
IF I HAD BEEN BY TAJIMA-NO-KAMI'S SIDE...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WE KNEW THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS AS LONG AS PRINCE KISHU WAS IN EDO.
I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO GUARD THEM ALL.
BUT I UNDERESTIMATED THAT JUBEI...
I NEVER EXPECTED HE WOULD HAVE THE GUTS TO KILL HIS OWN FATHER...
THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE HIM...


THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO SING HIS PRAISES!
JUBEI KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT OUR SECRET AND WHAT OUR PLANS ARE.
ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT HE WON'T AGREE TO BE RE-INCARNATED...
IT IS TOO DANGEROUS TO LET HIM LIVE!
AFTER HE KILLED TAJIMA-NO-KAMI...
JUBEI RETURNED TO THE YAGYU'S ANCESTRAL LANDS.
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO DEAL WITH HIM.
I'LL DO IT.
EVEN IF YOU KILL HIM, I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM FOR MYSELF ONE LAST TIME.
YEAH, I'M GONNA GO TOO.
I OWE HIM SOMETHING..
AND I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD REPAY HIM...
OTHERWISE I, ARAKI MATAEMON, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REST EASY!


HOZOIN, BOTARO, I'LL LEAVE PRINCE KISHU TO YOU.
THE LAND OF KISHU IS IN OUR SIGHTS NOW.
ONCE WE RETURN FROM YAGYU...
WE'LL TURN KISHU INTO HELL ON EARTH!
HOW DO YOU FEEL, PRINCE?
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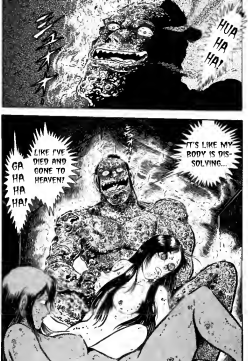
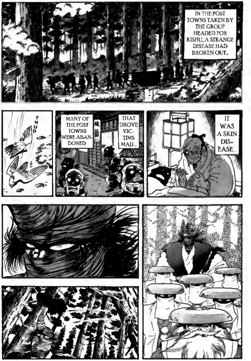
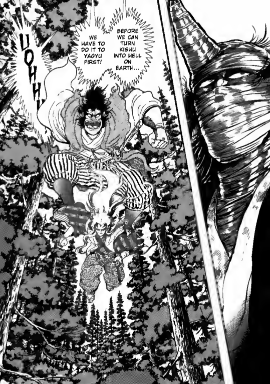
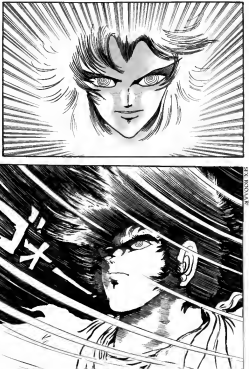
I FEEL... FANTASTIC!
BETTER THAN I EVER HAVE BEFORE!


HUA HA HA!
シュオオ
IT'S LIKE MY BODY IS DISSOLVING...
LIKE I'VE DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN!
GA HA HA HA!


IN THE POST TOWNS TAKEN BY THE GROUP HEADED FOR KISHU, A STRANGE DISEASE HAD BROKEN OUT...
IT WAS A SKIN DISEASE...
THAT DROVE VICTIMS MAD...
MANY OF THE POST TOWNS WERE ABANDONED
THUD


BEFORE WE CAN TURN KISHU INTO HELL ON EARTH...
WE HAVE TO DO IT TO YAGYU FIRST!
UOHH!



SFX ROOAAR!

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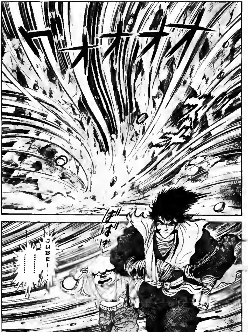
The Horror at Kukidani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JUBE!...
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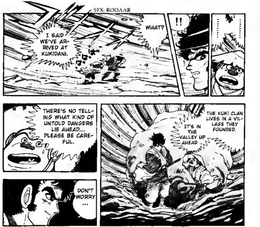
SFX ROOAAR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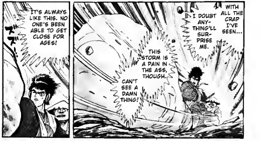
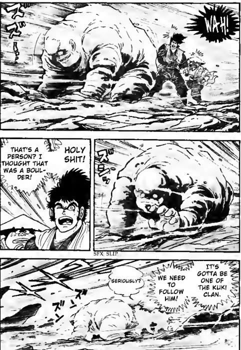
WHAT?
I SAID WE'VE ARRIVED AT KUKIDANI.
IT'S IN THE VALLEY UP AHEAD.
THE KUKI CLAN LIVES IN A VILLAGE THEY FOUNDED
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF UNTOLD DANGERS LIE AHEAD... PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
DON'T WORRY...

ED Note Where'd that eye come from?

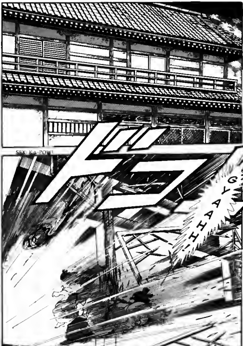

WITH ALL THE CRAP I'VE SEEN...
I DOUBT ANYTHING'LL SURPRISE ME.
THIS STORM IS A PAIN IN THE ASS, THOUGH.
CAN'T SEE A DAMN THING!
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS. NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO GET CLOSE FOR AGES!

SFX: SLIDE


WAH!
HOLY SHIT!
THAT'S A PERSON? I THOUGHT THAT WAS A BOULDER!
IT'S GOTTA BE ONE OF THE KUKI CLAN.
WE NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!
SERIOUSLY?

SFX: SLIP

LG SFX: ROOAAR
SM SFX: THUD, THUD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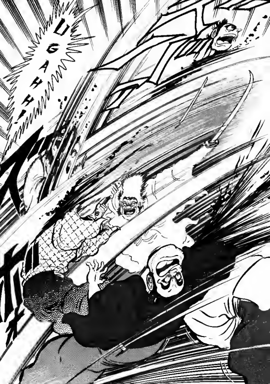
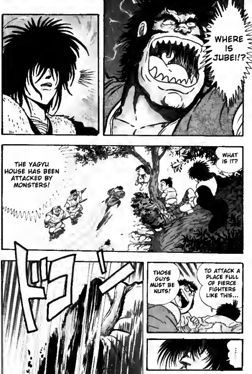
SFX: KA-POW!
GYAAHH!


UGAHH!


WHERE IS JUBEI!?
WHAT IS IT?
THE YAGYU HOUSE HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY MONSTERS!
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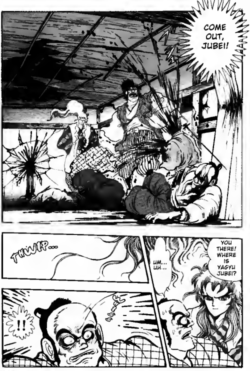
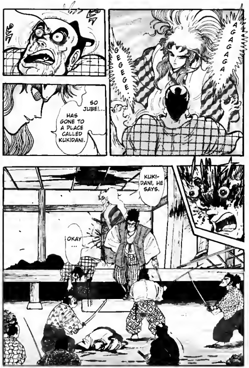
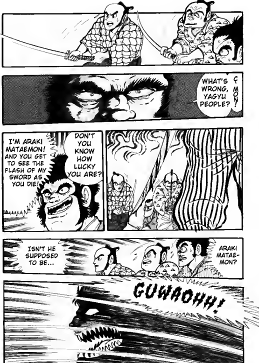
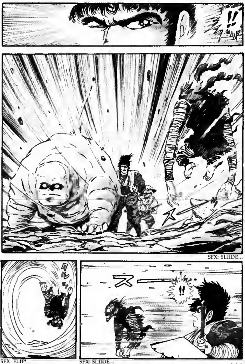
TO ATTACK A PLACE FULL OF FIERCE FIGHTERS LIKE THIS...
THOSE GUYS MUST BE NUTS!
...


COME OUT, JUBEI!
YOU THERE! WHERE IS YAGYU JUBEI?
UM... UH...
THWIP...
!!


AGAGAGA...
GEGEGE...
SO JUBEI... HAS GONE TO A PLACE CALLED KUKIDANI.
KUKIDANI, HE SAYS.
OKAY...

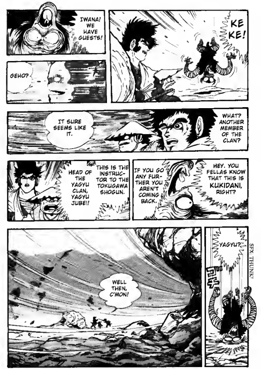

WHAT'S WRONG, YAGYU PEOPLE?
C'MON!
I'M ARAKI MATAEMON! AND YOU GET TO SEE THE FLASH OF MY SWORD AS YOU DIE!
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE?
ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE...
ARAKI MATAEMON?
GUWAOHH!

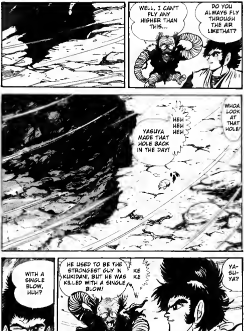


SFX: SLIIDE...

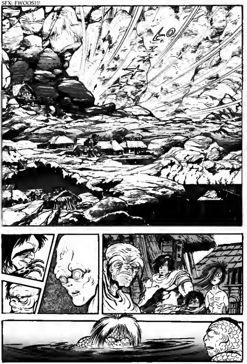
SFX: FLIP

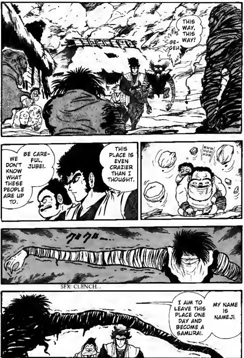
SFX: SLIDE

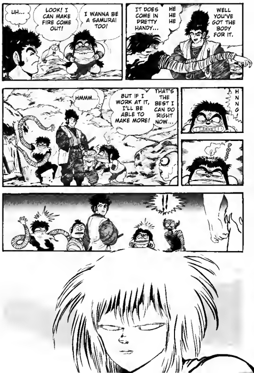

KE KE!
IWANA! WE HAVE GUESTS!
GEHO?
WHAT? ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CLAN?
IT SURE SEEMS LIKE IT.
HEY. YOU FELLAS KNOW THAT THIS IS KUKIDANI, RIGHT?
IF YOU GO ANY FURTHER YOU AREN'T COMING BACK.
THIS IS THE INSTRUCTOR TO THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUN.
HEAD OF THE YAGYU CLAN, YAGYU JUBE!!
YAGYU!?
SFX THUNK!
WELL THEN, C'MON!

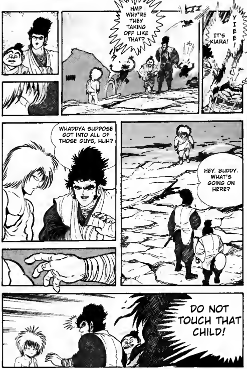

DO YOU ALWAYS FLY THROUGH THE AIR LIKETHAT?
WELL, I CAN'T FLY ANY HIGHER THAN THIS...
WHOA LOOK AT THAT HOLE!
HEH HEH HEH
YASUYA MADE THAT HOLE BACK IN THE DAY!
YA-SU-YA?
KE KE
HE USED TO BE THE STRONGEST GUY IN KUKIDANI, BUT HE WAS KILLED WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
WITH A SINGLE BLOW, HUH?

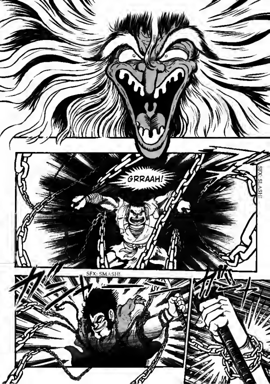
SFX: FWOOSH!

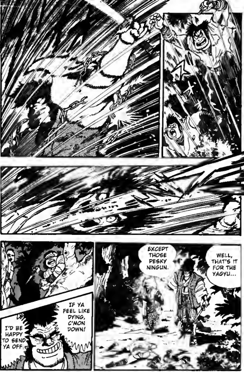


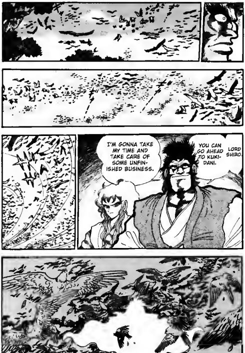

THIS WAY, THIS WAY!
GE-GEH
HUR HUR HUR
THIS PLACE IS EVEN CRAZIER THAN I THOUGHT.
BE CAREFUL, JUBEI.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE PEOPLE ARE UP TO.
ググル…
SFX: CLENCH
MY NAME IS NAMEJI.
I AIM TO LEAVE THIS PLACE ONE DAY AND BECOME A SAMURAI.

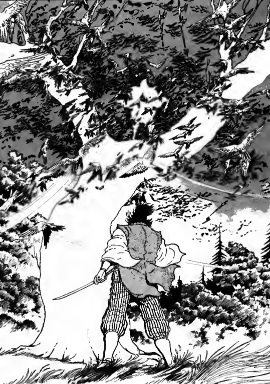

UH...
LOOK! I CAN MAKE FIRE COME OUT!
I WANNA BE A SAMURAI TOO!
IT DOES COME IN PRETTY HANDY...
HE HE HE
WELL YOU'VE GOT THE BODY FOR IT.
HMMM...
BUT IF I WORK AT IT, I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE!
THAT'S THE BEST I CAN DO RIGHT NOW...
HNNG
POIT
!!

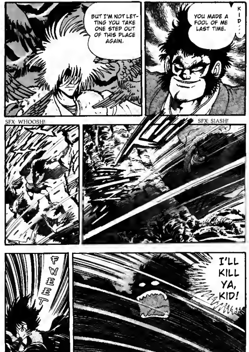

HM? WHY'RE THEY TAKING OFF LIKE THAT?
IT'S KIARA!
YIEEE!
WHADDYA SUPPOSE GOT INTO ALL OF THOSE GUYS, HUH?
HEY, BUDDY. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DO NOT TOUCH THAT CHILD!


SFX: SLASH!
GRRAAH!
SFX: SMASH!


WELL, THAT'S IT FOR THE YAGYU...
EXCEPT THOSE PESKY NINGUN.
IF YA FEEL LIKE DYING, C'MON DOWN!
I'D BE HAPPY TO SEND YA OFF

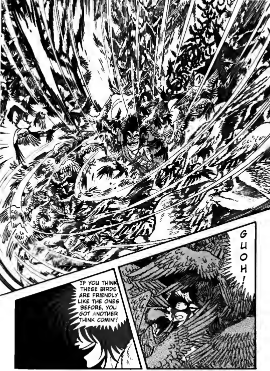

YOU CAN GO AHEAD TO KUKI-DANI.
LORD SHIRO.
I'M GONNA TAKE MY TIME AND TAKE CARE OF SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

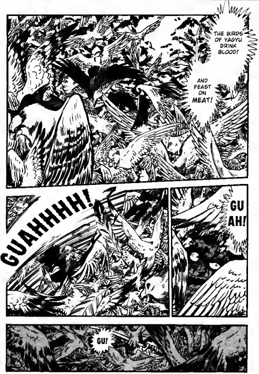


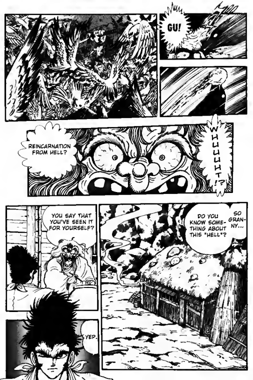

KID...
YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME LAST TIME.
BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU TAKE ONE STEP OUT OF THIS PLACE AGAIN.
I'LL KILL YA, KID!
FWEET

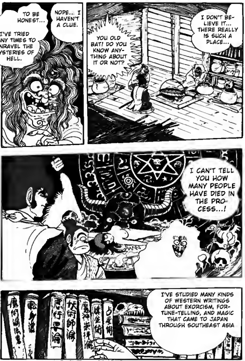
SFX WHOOSH!

SFX SLASH!


GUOH!
IF YOU THINK THESE BIRDS ARE FRIENDLY LIKE THE ONES BEFORE, YOU GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'!


THE BIRDS OF YAGYU DRINK BLOOD!
AND FEAST ON MEAT!
GUAHHHH!
GU AH!
GU!


GU!
REINCARNATION FROM HELL?
WHUUUHT!?
YOU SAY THAT YOU'VE SEEN IT FOR YOURSELF?
YEP.
SO GRANNY...
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS "HELL"?


I DON'T BELIEVE IT... THERE REALLY IS SUCH A PLACE...
YOU OLD BAT! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT OR NOT?
NOPE... I HAVEN'T A CLUE.
TO BE HONEST...
I'VE TRIED MANY TIMES TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERIES OF HELL.
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THE PROCESS...!
I'VE STUDIED MANY KINDS OF WESTERN WRITINGS ABOUT EXORCISM, FORTUNE-TELLING, AND MAGIC THAT CAME TO JAPAN THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA
占星術
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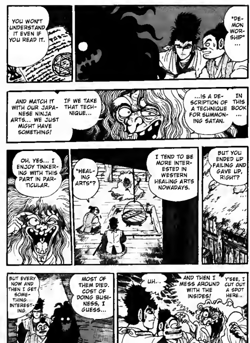
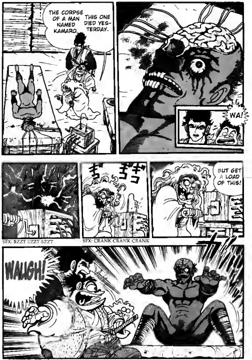
Book "Demon Worship"

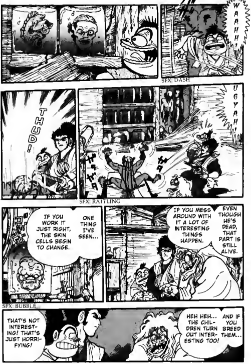

"DEMON WORSHIP"...
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND IT EVEN IF YOU READ IT.
IN THIS BOOK...
...IS A DESCRIPTION OF A TECHNIQUE FOR SUMMONING SATAN.
IF WE TAKE THAT TECHNIQUE...
AND MATCH IT WITH OUR JAPANESE NINJA ARTS... WE JUST MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING!
BUT YOU ENDED UP FAILING AND GAVE UP, RIGHT?
I TEND TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN WESTERN HEALING ARTS NOWADAYS.
"HEALING ARTS"?
OH, YES... I ENJOY TINKERING WITH THIS PART IN PARTICULAR.
Y'SEE, I CUT OUT A SPOT HERE..
AND THEN I MESS AROUND WITH THE INSIDES!
UH...
MOST OF THEM DIED. COST OF DOING BUSINESS, I GUESS...
BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN I GET SOMETHING INTERESTING.

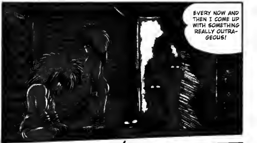

THE CORPSE OF A MAN NAMED KAMARO
THIS ONE DIED YESTERDAY.
WA!
BUT GET A LOAD OF THIS!
WAUGH!

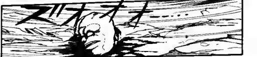
SFX: BZZT BZZT BZZT

SFX: CRANK CRANK CRANK

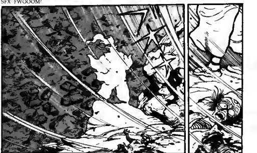
SFX: LUNGE!


WAAHH!
SFX DASH
UGYAH!
THUD!
SFX RATTLING
EVEN THOUGH HE'S DEAD, THAT PART IS STILL ALIVE.
IF YOU MESS AROUND WITH IT A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS HAPPEN.
ONE THING I'VE SEEN...
IF YOU WORK IT JUST RIGHT, THE SKIN CELLS BEGIN TO CHANGE.
SFX BUBBLE
AND IF YOU BREED THEM...
HEH HEH... THE CHILDREN TURN OUT INTERESTING TOO!
THAT'S NOT INTERESTING! THAT'S JUST HORRIFYING!

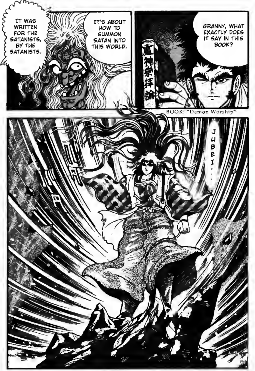

EVERY NOW AND THEN I COME UP WITH SOMETHING REALLY OUTRAGEOUS!

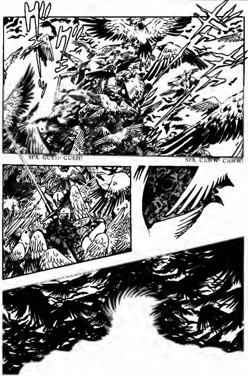


SFX FWOOOM!



SFX WHOOM!


GRANNY, WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT SAY IN THIS BOOK?
魔神崇拝論
BOOK: "Demon Worship"
IT'S ABOUT HOW TO SUMMON SATAN INTO THIS WORLD.
IT WAS WRITTEN FOR THE SATANISTS, BY THE SATANISTS.
JUBEI...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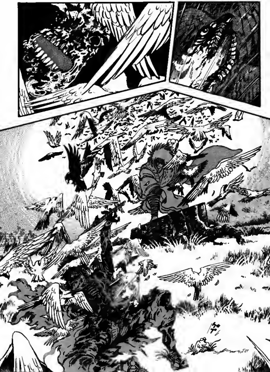
SFX: GUEH! GUEH!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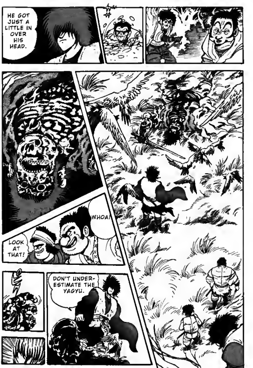
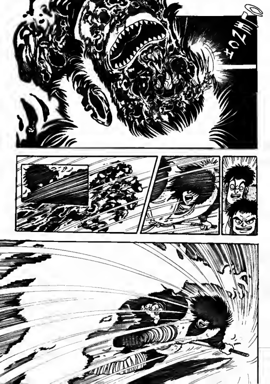
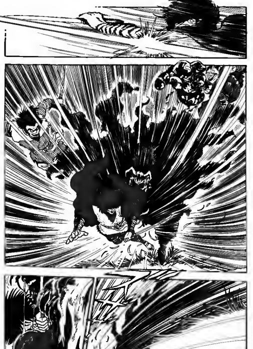
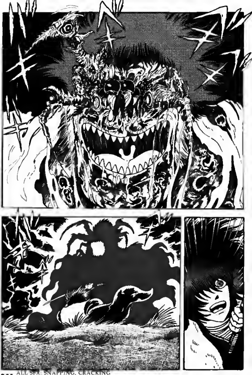

HE GOT JUST A LITTLE IN OVER HIS HEAD.
WHOA!
LOOK AT THAT!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE YAGYU.

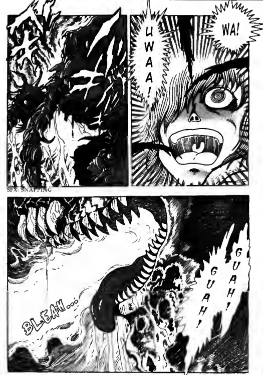




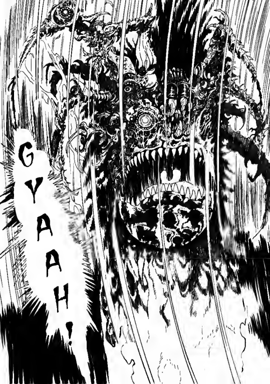
SFX: SKIID!

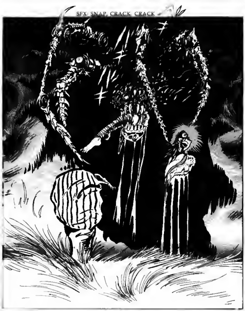


ALL SFX: SNAPPING, CRACKING


WA!
UWAAA!
GUAH! GUAH!
BLEAH...

SFX: SNAPPING


GYAAH!


SFX SNAP, CRACK CRACK

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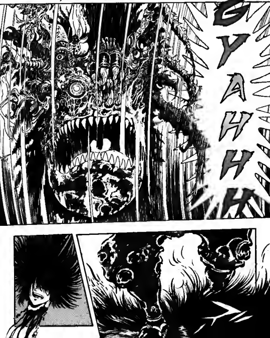
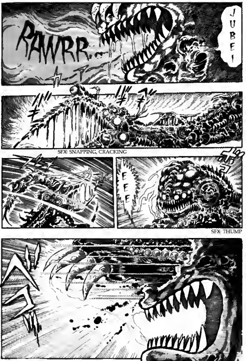
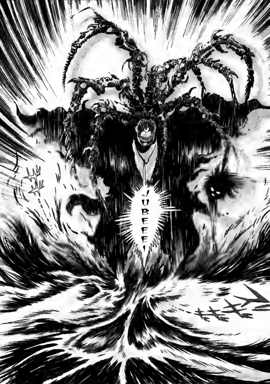
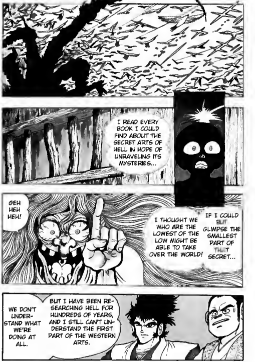
The Book of Sorcery
Chapter One

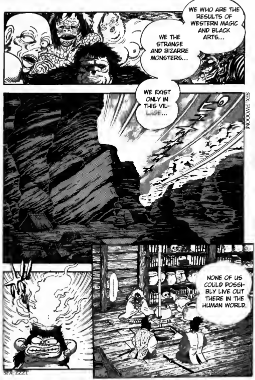
The Explosion at Kikudani

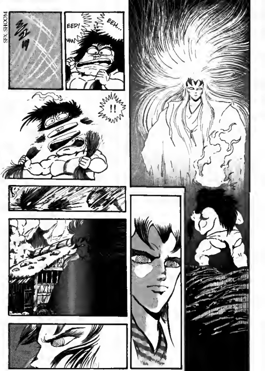



JUBEI
RAWRR...
SFX: SNAPPING, CRACKING
EEE
SFX: THUMP
SFX: FWUMP


JUBEEE!


I READ EVERY BOOK I COULD FIND ABOUT THE SECRET ARTS OF HELL IN HOPE OF UNRAVELING ITS MYSTERIES...
IF I COULD BUT GLIMPSE THE SMALLEST PART OF THAT SECRET...
I THOUGHT WE WHO ARE THE LOWEST OF THE LOW MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!
GEH HEH HEH!
BUT I HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING HELL FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, AND I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE FIRST PART OF THE WESTERN ARTS.
WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING AT ALL.


WE WHO ARE THE RESULTS OF WESTERN MAGIC AND BLACK ARTS...
WE THE STRANGE AND BIZARRE MONSTERS...
WE EXIST ONLY IN THIS VILLAGE...
SFX FWOOOM
NONE OF US COULD POSSIBLY LIVE OUT THERE IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
......
SFX ZZZT


EEH...
EEP!
SFX SHOOM
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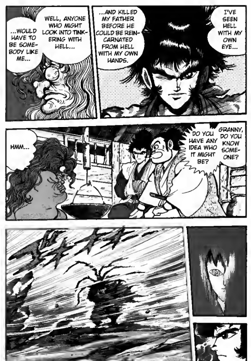
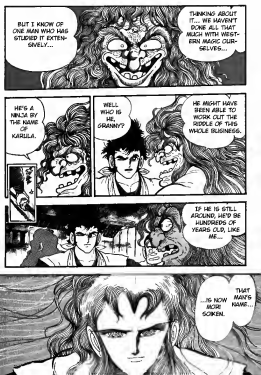
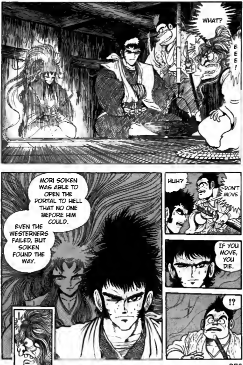

I'VE SEEN HELL WITH MY OWN EYE...
...AND KILLED MY FATHER BEFORE HE COULD BE REINCARNATED FROM HELL WITH MY OWN HANDS.
WELL, ANYONE WHO MIGHT LOOK INTO TINKERING WITH HELL...
...WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEBODY LIKE ME...
GRANNY, DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO IT MIGHT BE?
HMM...

SFX ROOARRR


THINKING ABOUT IT... WE HAVEN'T DONE ALL THAT MUCH WITH WESTERN MAGIC OURSELVES...
BUT I KNOW OF ONE MAN WHO HAS STUDIED IT EXTENSIVELY...
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT THE RIDDLE OF THIS WHOLE BUSINESS.
WELL WHO IS HE, GRANNY?
HE'S A NINJA BY THE NAME OF KARULA.
IF HE IS STILL AROUND, HE'D BE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD, LIKE ME...
THAT MAN'S NAME...
...IS NOW MORI SOIKEN.


WHAT?
EEE!
MORI SOIKEN WAS ABLE TO OPEN THE PORTAL TO HELL THAT NO ONE BEFORE HIM COULD.
EVEN THE WESTERNERS FAILED, BUT SOIKEN FOUND THE WAY.
HUH?
DON'T MOVE
IF YOU MOVE, YOU DIE.
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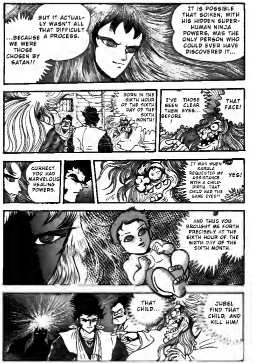
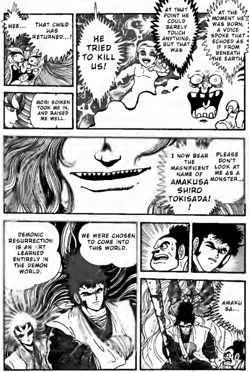
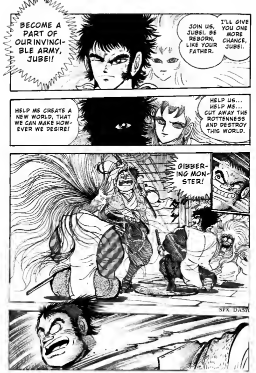
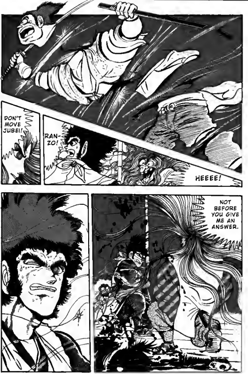
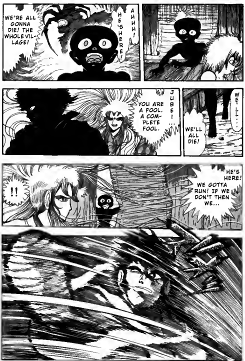

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOIKEN, WITH HIS HIDDEN SUPER-HUMAN NINJA POWERS, WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD EVER HAVE DISCOVERED IT...
BUT IT ACTUALLY WASN'T ALL THAT DIFFICULT A PROCESS.
...BECAUSE WE WERE THOSE CHOSEN BY SATAN!!
BORN IN THE SIXTH HOUR OF THE SIXTH DAY OF THE SIXTH MONTH!
I'VE SEEN THOSE CLEAR EYES BEFORE!
THAT FACE!
CORRECT. YOU HAD MARVELOUS HEALING POWERS.
IT WAS WHEN KARULA REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE WITH A CHILD-BIRTH. THAT CHILD HAD THE SAME EYES!!
YES!
AND THUS YOU BROUGHT ME FORTH PRECISELY AT THE SIXTH HOUR OF THE SIXTH DAY OF THE SIXTH MONTH.
THAT CHILD...
JUBEI, FIND THAT CHILD, AND KILL HIM!

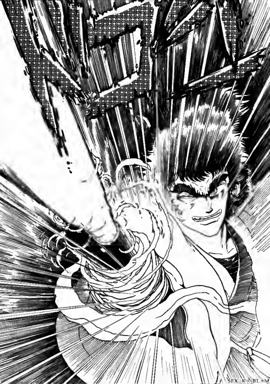

AT THE MOMENT HE WAS BORN, A VOICE SPOKE THAT ECHOED AS IF FROM BENEATH THE EARTH
AT THAT POINT HE COULD BARELY TOUCH ANYTHING, BUT THAT WAS
HE TRIED TO KILL US!
HEE... THAT CHILD HAS RETURNED...!
MORI SOIKEN TOOK ME IN, AND RAISED ME WELL.
PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME AS A MONSTER...
I NOW BEAR THE MAGNIFICENT NAME OF AMAKUSA SHIRO TOKISADA!!
AMAKUSA...
WE WERE CHOSEN TO COME INTO THIS WORLD.
DEMONIC RESURRECTION IS AN ART LEARNED ENTIRELY IN THE DEMON WORLD.


BECOME A PART OF OUR INVINCIBLE ARMY, JUBEI!
JOIN US, JUBEI. BE REBORN, LIKE YOUR FATHER.
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE, JUBEI.
HELP ME CREATE A NEW WORLD, THAT WE CAN MAKE HOWEVER WE DESIRE!
HELP US... HELP ME... CUT AWAY THE ROTTENNESS AND DESTROY THIS WORLD.
GIBBERING MONSTER!
SFX DASH

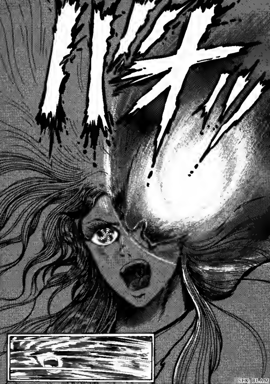

DON'T MOVE JUBEI!
RAN-ZO!
HEEEE!
NOT BEFORE YOU GIVE ME AN ANSWER.

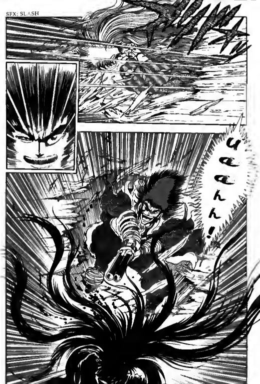

AHHH! HE'S HERE!
WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE! THE WHOLE VILLAGE!
JUBEI! ...
YOU ARE A FOOL. A COMPLETE FOOL.
WELL...
WE'LL ALL DIE!
!!
HE'S HERE! WE GOTTA RUN! IF WE DON'T THEN WE...

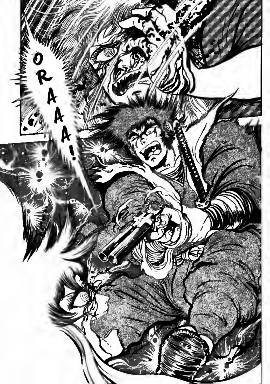
SFX FWOOM

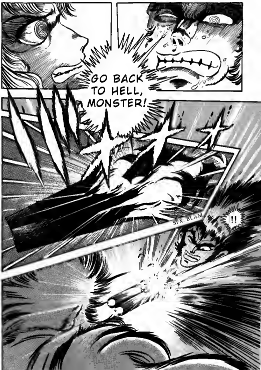


SFX: KA-BLAM


SFX: BLAM


SFX: SLASH
Uaaahh!


ORAAAA!


GO BACK TO HELL, MONSTER!
SFX BLAM
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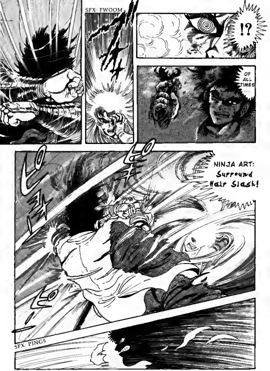
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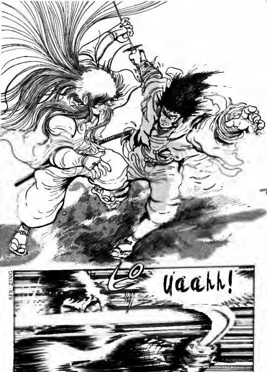
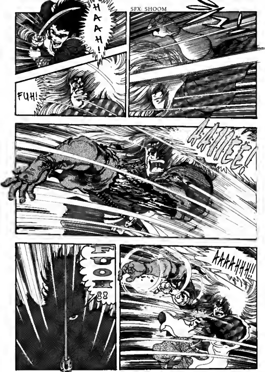
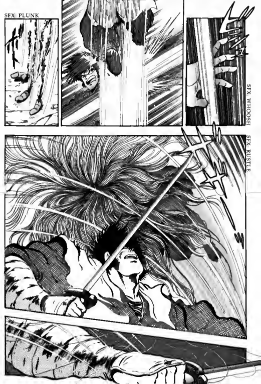
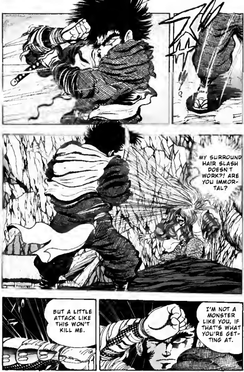
SFX FWOOM
OF ALL TIMES
NINJA ART: Surround Hair Slash!
SFX PINGS


SFX: ZING
Uaahh!

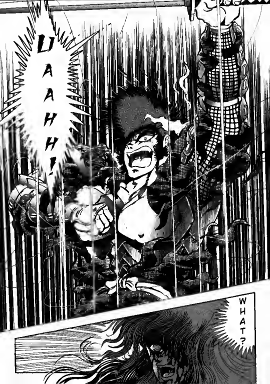

SFX: SHOOM
HAAAH!
FUH!
AAIIEEE!
AAAAHHH!!!
FUOH!!

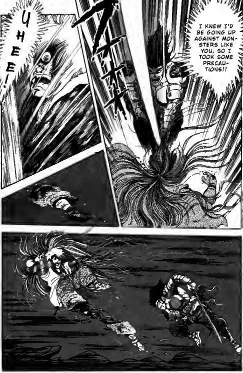

SFX WHOOSH
SFX PLUNK
SFX RUSTLE

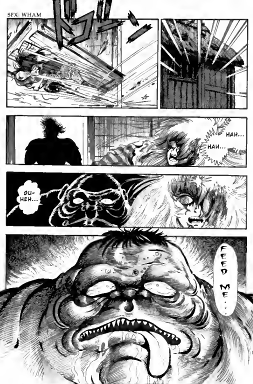
SFX: SCUD

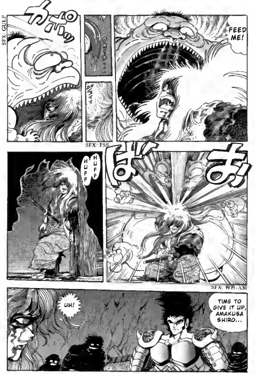

MY SURROUND HAIR SLASH DOESN'T WORK?! ARE YOU IMMORTAL?
I'M NOT A MONSTER LIKE YOU, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT.
BUT A LITTLE ATTACK LIKE THIS WON'T KILL ME.

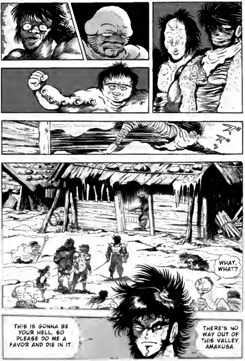
SFX: CRUMBLE

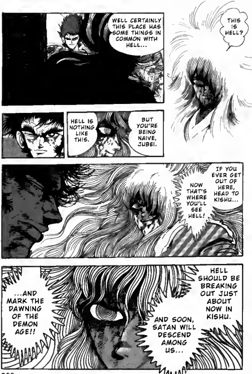

UAAHH!
WHAT?

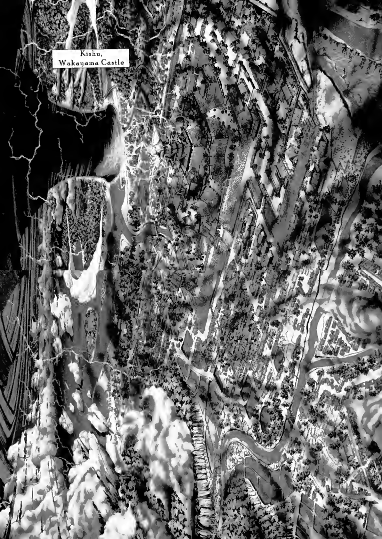

I KNEW I'D BE GOING UP AGAINST MONSTERS LIKE YOU, SO I TOOK SOME PRECAUTIONS!!
UHEE!
SFX FWOOM


SFX WHAM
HAH...
HAH...
GU-HEH...
FEED ME...

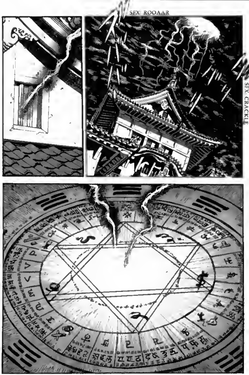

FEED ME!
DRIP...
SFX FSS
カポッ
SFX GULP
SFX WH-AM
HUFF HUFF
TIME TO GIVE IT UP, AMAKUSA SHIRO...
UH!

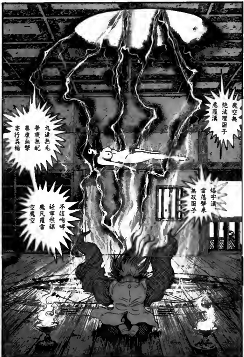

WHAT, WHAT?
THIS IS GONNA BE YOUR HELL, SO PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR AND DIE IN IT.
THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS VALLEY, AMAKUSA.


WELL CERTAINLY THIS PLACE HAS SOME THINGS IN COMMON WITH HELL...
THIS IS HELL?
HELL IS NOTHING LIKE THIS.
BUT YOU'RE BEING NAIVE, JUBEI.
NOW THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL SEE HELL!
IF YOU EVER GET OUT OF HERE, HEAD TO KISHU...
...AND MARK THE DAWNING OF THE DEMON AGE!!
AND SOON, SATAN WILL DESCEND AMONG US...
HELL SHOULD BE BREAKING OUT JUST ABOUT NOW IN KISHU.



Kishu,
Wakayama Castle


SFX ROOAAR
SFX CRACKLE


魔空無
絶法理図子
悪羅漢
九逮無毛
拳寶無肥
暴虐血拳
妄行森輪
絡宇漢
雷落撃来
無双図子
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魔風羅雷
空魔空

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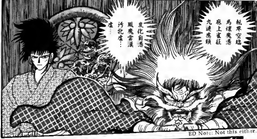
転界空臨
馬謀魔悪
麻上雀荘
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風魔雷漢
汚北虚…
虚…

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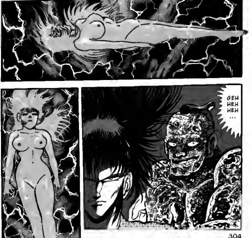
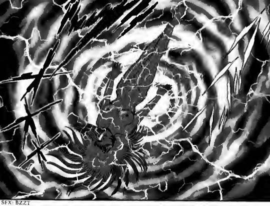
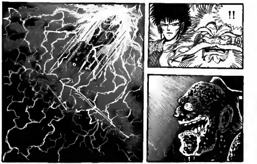
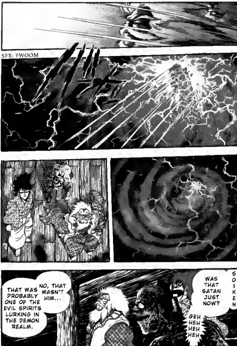
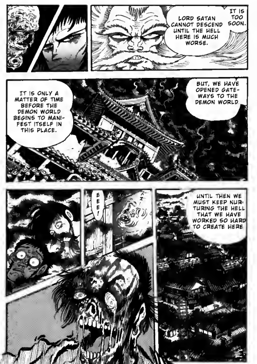


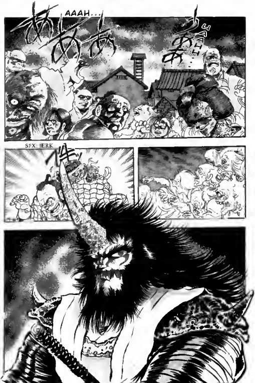


SFX: BZZT




SFX FWOOM
SOIKEN
WAS THAT SATAN JUST NOW?
GEH HEH HEH HEH
NO, THAT WASN'T HIM...
THAT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE EVIL SPIRITS LURKING IN THE DEMON REALM.


IT IS TOO SOON.
LORD SATAN CANNOT DESCEND UNTIL THE HELL HERE IS MUCH WORSE.
BUT, WE HAVE OPENED GATEWAYS TO THE DEMON WORLD
IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE DEMON WORLD BEGINS TO MANIFEST ITSELF IN THIS PLACE.
UNTIL THEN WE MUST KEEP NURTURING THE HELL THAT WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE HERE
EEE!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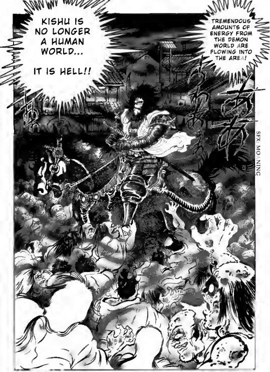
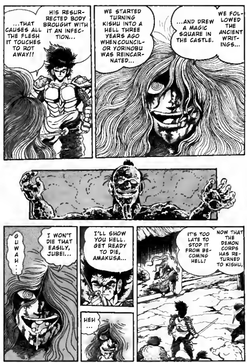
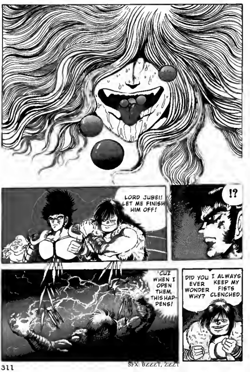
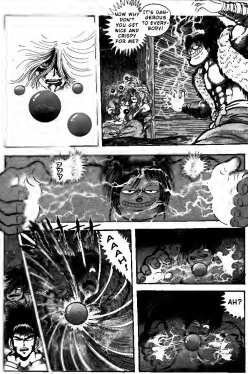
UAHH...
あああ
AAAH...
SFX ERK

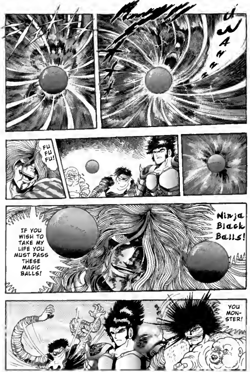

TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF ENERGY FROM THE DEMON WORLD ARE FLOWING INTO THE AREA!
KISHU IS NO LONGER A HUMAN WORLD... IT IS HELL!!
SFX: MOANING


HIS RESURRECTED BODY BROUGHT WITH IT AN INFECTION...
...THAT CAUSES ALL THE FLESH IT TOUCHES TO ROT AWAY!!
WE STARTED TURNING KISHU INTO A HELL THREE YEARS AGO WHEN COUNCILOR YORINOBU WAS REINCARNATED...
WE FOLLOWED THE ANCIENT WRITINGS...
...AND DREW A MAGIC SQUARE IN THE CASTLE.
GUWAH...
I WON'T DIE THAT EASILY, JUBEI...
I'LL SHOW YOU HELL. GET READY TO DIE, AMAKUSA...
HEH...
NOW THAT THE DEMON CORPS HAS RETURNED TO KISHU,
IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP IT FROM BECOMING HELL!

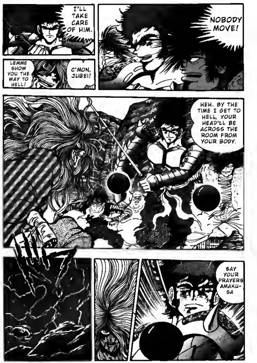

!?
LORD JUBEI! LET ME FINISH HIM OFF!
I ALWAYS KEEP MY FISTS CLENCHED.
DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY?
'CUZ WHEN I OPEN THEM, THIS HAPPENS!

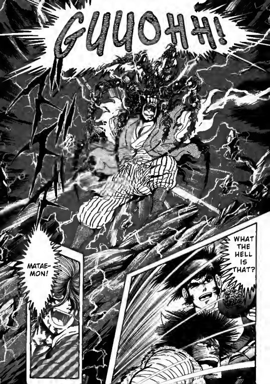
SFX BZZZT, ZZZT

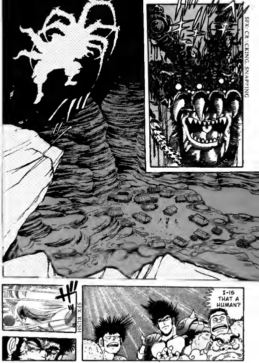

NOW WHY DON'T YOU GET NICE AND CRISPY FOR ME?
IT'S DANGEROUS TO EVERYBODY!
ZZT
AAAH!
AH?

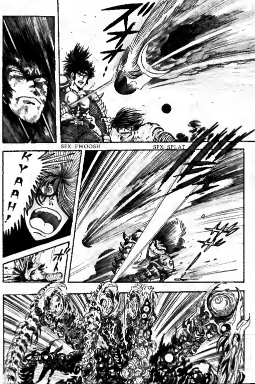

UWANNN
FU FU FU!
Ninja Black Balls!
IF YOU WISH TO TAKE MY LIFE YOU MUST PASS THESE MAGIC BALLS!
YOU MONSTER!

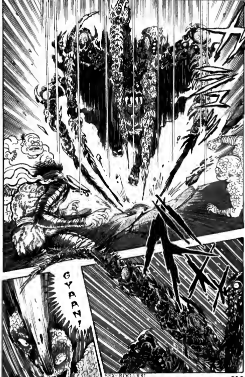
人のコトはいえない!!
(He's in no position to talk!!)


I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
NOBODY MOVE!
LEMME SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HELL!
C'MON, JUBEI!
HEH. BY THE TIME I GET TO HELL, YOUR HEAD'LL BE ACROSS THE ROOM FROM YOUR BODY.
SAY YOUR PRAYERS AMAKUSA


GUUOHH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
MATAEMON!

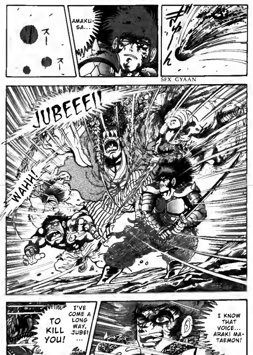

SFX: CRACKING, SNAPPING
I-IS THAT A HUMAN?
SFX: RUSH


SFX: SPLAT
SFX: FWOOSH
KYAAH!!



SFX: LEAP

SFX: ROOARR!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SFX GYAAN
AMAKU-SA...
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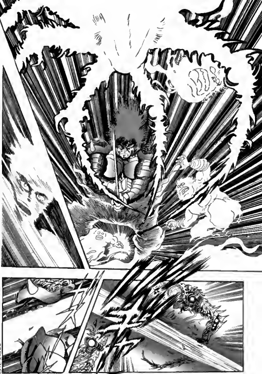
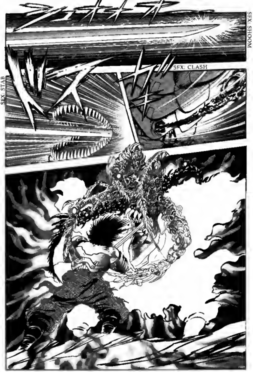
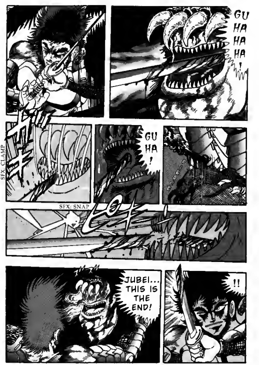
JUBEEE!!
WAHH!
I KNOW THAT VOICE... ARAKI MATAEMON!
I'VE COME A LONG WAY, JUBE! ...
TO KILL YOU!

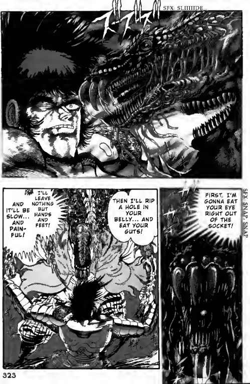


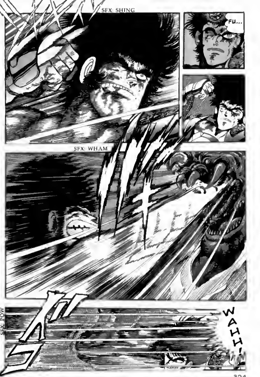
SFX: SLICE

SFX: SLASH

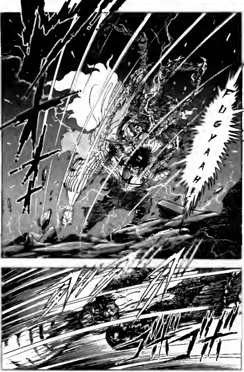

SFX: SHOOM
SFX: CLASH
SFX: STAB

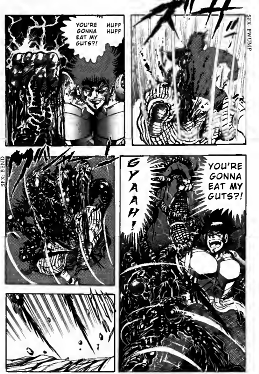

GU HA HA HA!
PIERCE
GU HA!
SFX: CLAMP
SFX: SNAP
!!
JUBEI... THIS IS THE END!

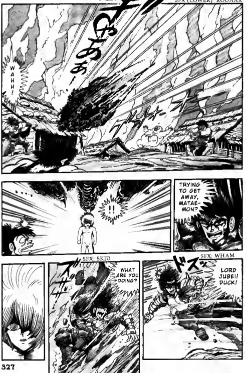

SFX SLIIIIIDE
SFX SNAP, SNAP
FIRST, I'M GONNA EAT YOUR EYE RIGHT OUT OF THE SOCKET!
THEN I'LL RIP A HOLE IN YOUR BELLY... AND EAT YOUR GUTS!
I'LL LEAVE NOTHING BUT HANDS AND FEET!
AND IT'LL BE SLOW... AND PAINFUL!


SFX: SHING
FU...
SFX: WHAM
SFX: POW
WAHH!

SFX ROOARR



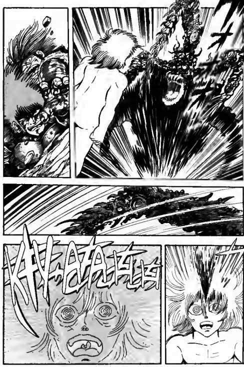

SFX: FWUMP
YOU'RE GONNA EAT MY GUTS?!
HUFF HUFF
GYAAH!
YOU'RE GONNA EAT MY GUTS?!
SFX: BEND

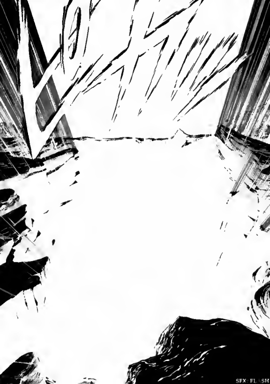

SFX (UPPER) GYAAHHH
SFX (LOWER) ROOAAR

SFX WHAM

SFX SKID

WAHH!
TRYING TO GET AWAY, MATAE-MON?
....
!!
LORD JUBEI! DUCK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


SFX ROOOAARR
SFX SLICE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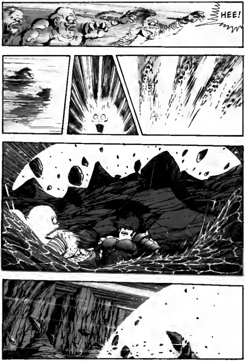
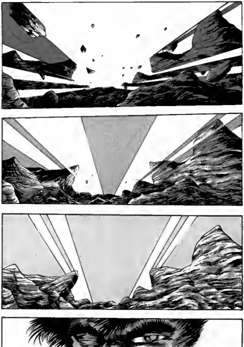
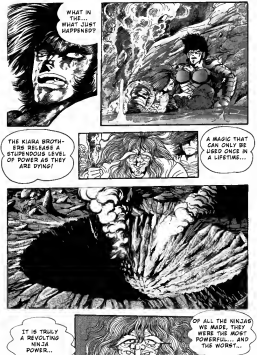
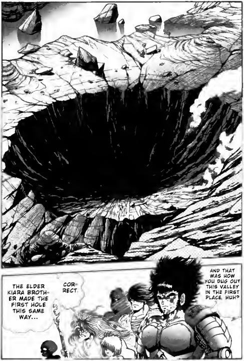
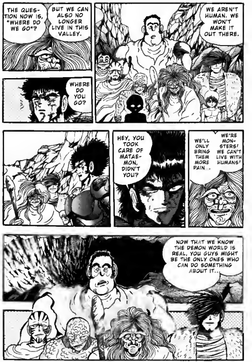
SFX: FLASH

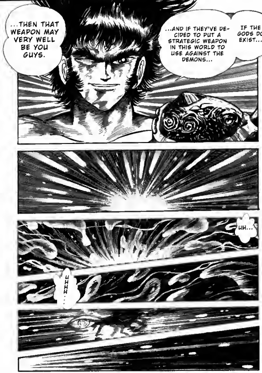

HEE!



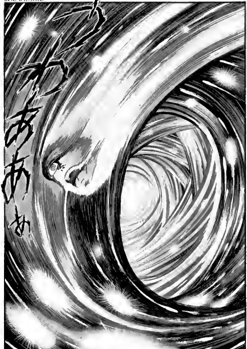

WHAT IN THE... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THE KIARA BROTHERS RELEASE A STUPENDOUS LEVEL OF POWER AS THEY ARE DYING!
A MAGIC THAT CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE IN A LIFETIME...
IT IS TRULY A REVOLTING NINJA POWER...
OF ALL THE NINJAS WE MADE, THEY WERE THE MOST POWERFUL... AND THE WORST...

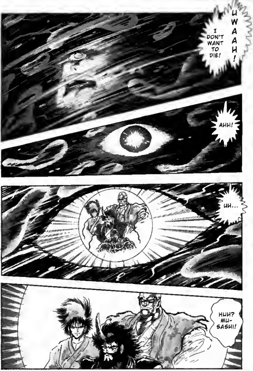

AND THAT WAS HOW YOU DUG OUT THIS VALLEY IN THE FIRST PLACE, HUH?
CORRECT.
THE ELDER KIARA BROTHER MADE THE FIRST HOLE THIS SAME WAY...

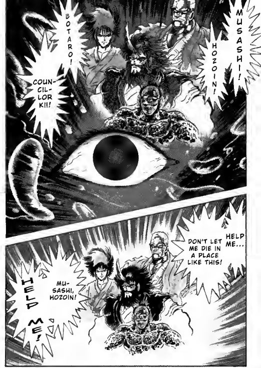

THE QUESTION NOW IS, "WHERE DO WE GO"?
BUT WE CAN ALSO NO LONGER LIVE IN THIS VALLEY.
WE AREN'T HUMAN. WE WON'T MAKE IT OUT THERE.
WHERE DO YOU GO?
HEY, YOU TOOK CARE OF MATAEMON, DIDN'T YOU?
WE'LL ONLY BRING THEM MORE PAIN...
WE'RE MONSTERS! WE CAN'T LIVE WITH HUMANS!
NOW THAT WE KNOW THE DEMON WORLD IS REAL, YOU GUYS MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

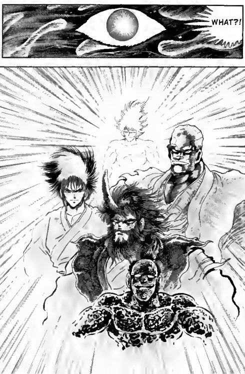

IF THE GODS DO EXIST...
...AND IF THEY'VE DECIDED TO PUT A STRATEGIC WEAPON IN THIS WORLD TO USE AGAINST THE DEMONS...
...THEN THAT WEAPON MAY VERY WELL BE YOU GUYS.
UH...
UHHH...

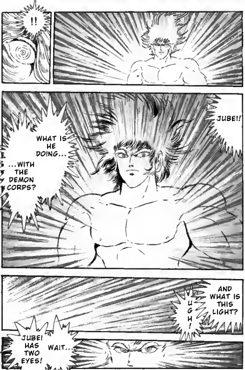
SFX: UWAHH!




UWAAH!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
AHH!
UH...
HUH? MUSASHI!


MUSASHI!
HOZOIN!
BOTARO!
COUNCILLOR KII!
HELP ME...
DON'T LET ME DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
MUSASHI, HOZOIN!
HELP ME!


WHAT?!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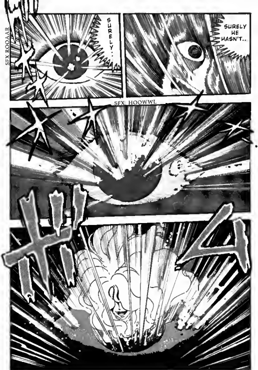
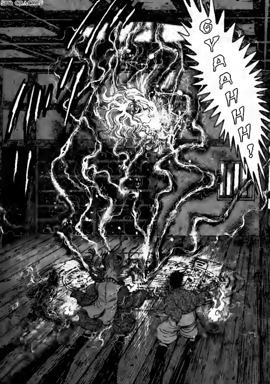
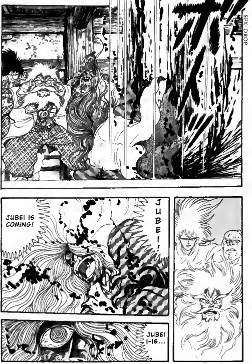
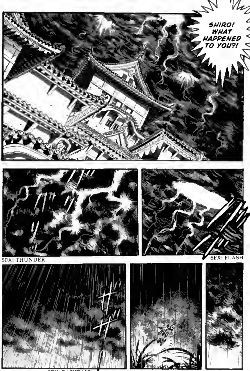
JUBEI!!
WHAT IS HE DOING...
...WITH THE DEMON CORPS?
AND WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?
UGH!
WAIT...
JUBEI HAS TWO EYES!

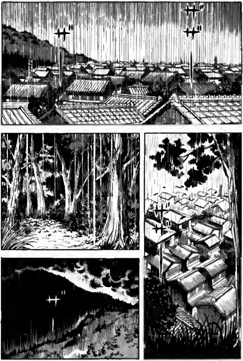

SFX ROOAAR
SURELY...
SURELY HE HASN'T..
SFX HOOWWL
SFX POOF


SFX: CRACKLE
GYAHHH!


SFX DROP
JUBEI!
JUBEI IS COMING!
JUBEI I-IS...


SHIRO! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
SFX: FLASH
SFX: THUNDER
SFX: RAINFALL

ALL SFX: RAINFALL



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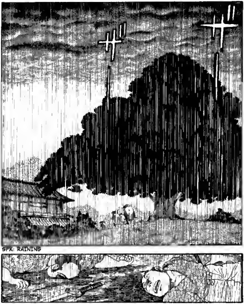
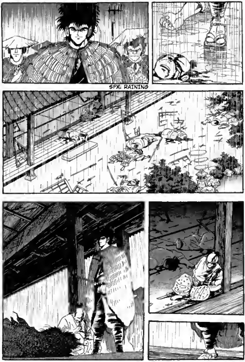

SFX: RAINING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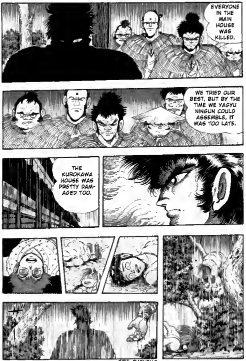
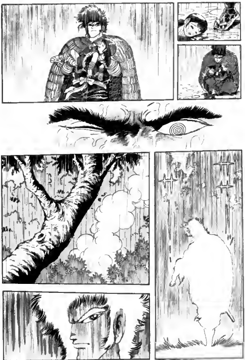

EVERYONE IN THE MAIN HOUSE WAS KILLED.
WE TRIED OUR BEST, BUT BY THE TIME WE YAGYU NINGUN COULD ASSEMBLE, IT WAS TOO LATE.
THE KUROKAWA HOUSE WAS PRETTY DAMAGED TOO.

SFX: RAINING



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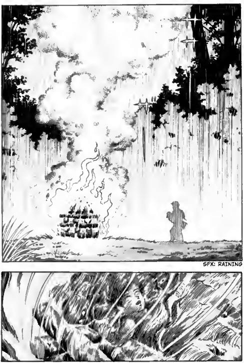
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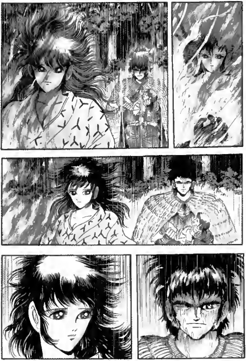

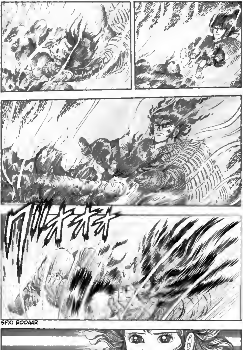
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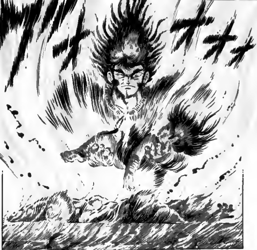
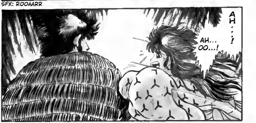
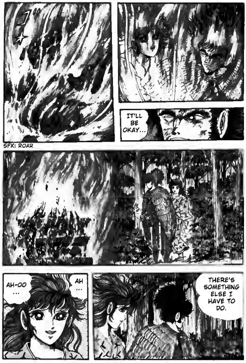
SFX: ROOAAR



SFX: ROOAARR




IT'LL BE OKAY...
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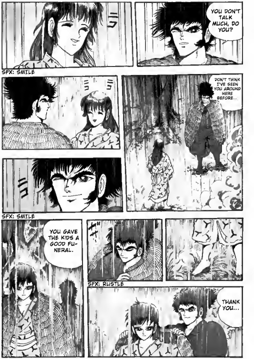
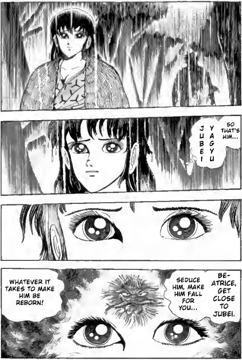
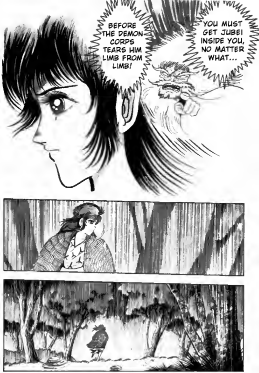
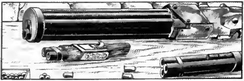
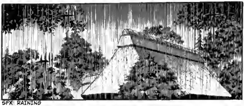
SFX: ROAR
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I HAVE TO DO.
AH ...
AH-OO ...


YOU DON'T TALK MUCH, DO YOU?
SFX: SMILE
DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE...
SFX: SMILE
YOU GAVE THE KIDS A GOOD FUNERAL.
SFX: RUSTLE
THANK YOU...

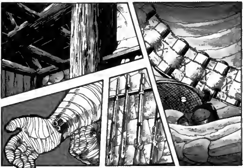

SO THAT'S HIM...
YAGYU JUBEI
BEATRICE, GET CLOSE TO JUBEI.
SEDUCE HIM, MAKE HIM FALL FOR YOU...
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE HIM BE REBORN!

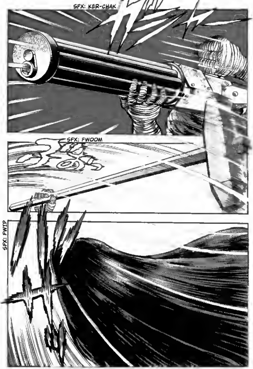

YOU MUST GET JUBEI INSIDE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT...
BEFORE THE DEMON CORPS TEARS HIM LIMB FROM LIMB!





SFX RAINING




SFX: KER-CHAK
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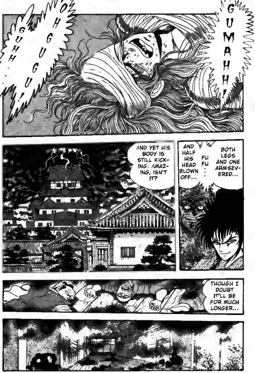
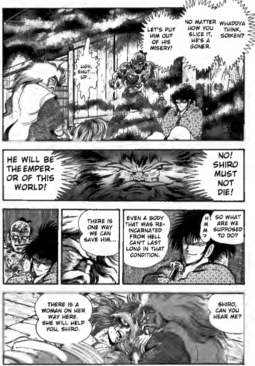
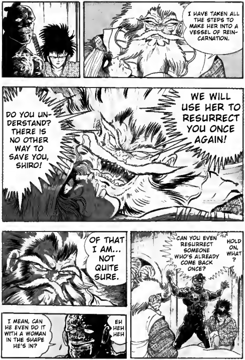
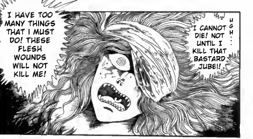
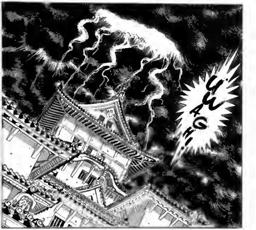
SFX: FWIP

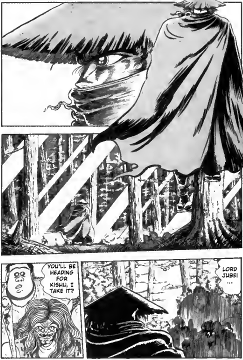

GUMAHH!
OHGUGU!
GUHH...
BOTH LEGS AND ONE ARM SEVERED...
FU FU...
AND HALF HIS HEAD BLOWN OFF...
AND YET HIS BODY IS STILL KICKING. AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
THOUGH I DOUBT IT'LL BE FOR MUCH LONGER...

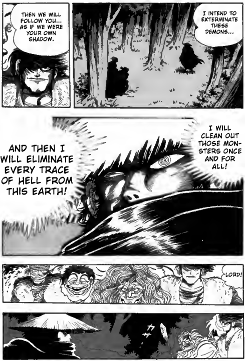

WHADDYA THINK, SOIKEN?
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, HE'S A GONER.
LET'S PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY!
UGH, SHUT... UP...
NO! SHIRO MUST NOT DIE!
HE WILL BE THE EMPEROR OF THIS WORLD!
SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
HMM?
EVEN A BODY THAT WAS RE-INCARNATED FROM HELL CAN'T LAST LONG IN THAT CONDITION.
THERE IS ONE WAY WE CAN SAVE HIM...
SHIRO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
THERE IS A WOMAN ON HER WAY HERE. SHE WILL HELP YOU, SHIRO.


I HAVE TAKEN ALL THE STEPS TO MAKE HER INTO A VESSEL OF REINCARNATION.
WE WILL USE HER TO RESURRECT YOU ONCE AGAIN!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO SAVE YOU, SHIRO!
HOLD ON, WHAT?
CAN YOU EVEN RESURRECT SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY COME BACK ONCE?
OF THAT I AM... NOT QUITE SURE.
EH HEH HEH
I MEAN, CAN HE EVEN DO IT WITH A WOMAN IN THE SHAPE HE'S IN?


UGH...
I CANNOT DIE! NOT UNTIL I KILL THAT BASTARD JUBEI!
I HAVE TOO MANY THINGS THAT I MUST DO! THESE FLESH WOUNDS WILL NOT KILL ME!


UWAGH!


LORD JUBEI ...
YOU'LL BE HEADING FOR KISHU, I TAKE IT?


I INTEND TO EXTERMINATE THESE DEMONS...
THEN WE WILL FOLLOW YOU... AS IF WE WERE YOUR OWN SHADOW.
I WILL CLEAN OUT THOSE MONSTERS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
AND THEN I WILL ELIMINATE EVERY TRACE OF HELL FROM THIS EARTH!
LORD!
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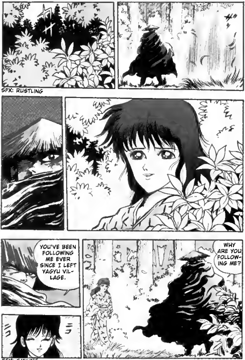
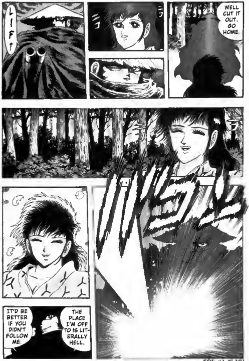


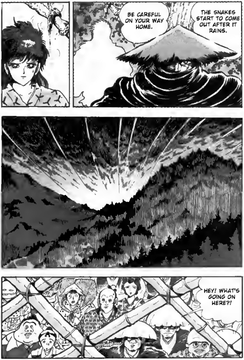
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME EVER SINCE I LEFT YAGYU VILLAGE.
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?

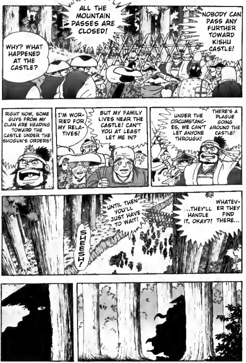
SFX: RUSTLING

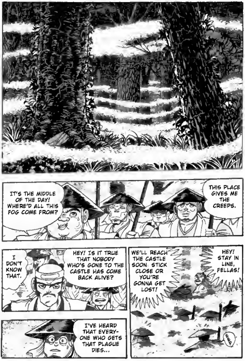
SFX: SMILING

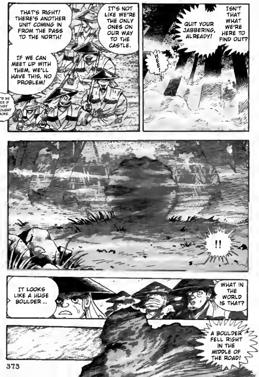

LIFT
WELL CUT IT OUT. GO HOME.
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW ME.
THE PLACE I'M OFF TO IS LITERALLY HELL.

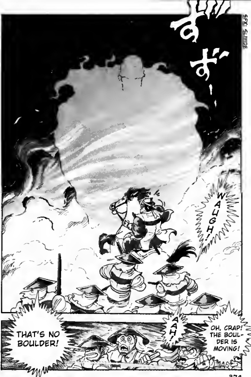
SFX: KA-BLAM!


BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME.
THE SNAKES START TO COME OUT AFTER IT RAINS.
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

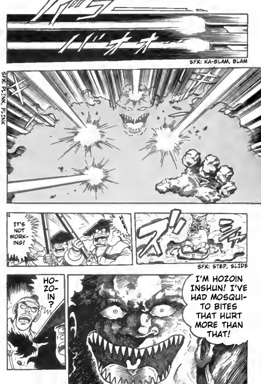

ALL THE MOUNTAIN PASSES ARE CLOSED!
NOBODY CAN PASS ANY FURTHER TOWARD KISHU CASTLE!
WHY? WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CASTLE?
RIGHT NOW, SOME GUYS FROM MY CLAN ARE HEADING TOWARD THE CASTLE UNDER THE SHOGUN'S ORDERS!
I'M WORRIED FOR MY RELATIVES!
BUT MY FAMILY LIVES NEAR THE CASTLE! CAN'T YOU AT LEAST LET ME IN?
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN'T LET ANYONE THROUGH!
THERE'S A PLAGUE GOING AROUND THE CASTLE!
UNTIL THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT!
WHATEVER THEY FIND THERE...
...THEY'LL HANDLE IT, OKAY?!
SHEESH!

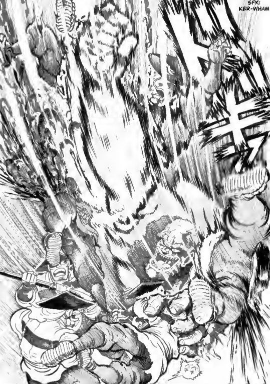

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY! WHERE'D ALL THIS FOG COME FROM?
THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
HEY! IS IT TRUE THAT NOBODY WHO'S GONE TO THE CASTLE HAS COME BACK ALIVE?
I DON'T KNOW THAT.
I'VE HEARD THAT EVERYONE WHO GETS THAT PLAGUE DIES...
WE'LL REACH THE CASTLE SOON. STICK CLOSE OR YOU'RE GONNA GET LOST!
HEY! STAY IN LINE, FELLAS!
EEP

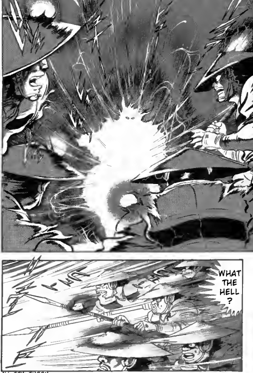

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S ANOTHER UNIT COMING IN FROM THE PASS TO THE NORTH!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES ON OUR WAY TO THE CASTLE.
IF WE CAN MEET UP WITH THEM, WE'LL HAVE THIS, NO PROBLEM!
IT'D BE NICE IF THEY BROUGHT SNACKS.
ISN'T THAT WHAT WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT?
QUIT YOUR JABBERING, ALREADY!
HEE
!!
IT LOOKS LIKE A HUGE BOULDER ..
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?
A BOULDER FELL RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!


ずず…
SFX: SLIIIDE
WAUGH!
OH, CRAP! THE BOULDER IS MOVING!
AAH!
THAT'S NO BOULDER!

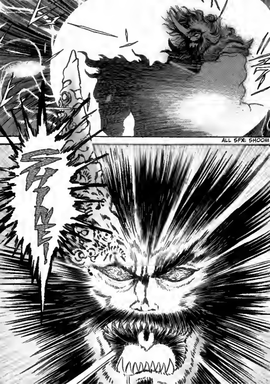
MUSKET CORPS! READY...!


SFX: KA-BLAM, BLAM
SFX: PLINK, PLINK
SFX: STEP, SLIDE
HEEE!
IT'S NOT WORKING!
I'M HOZOIN INSHUN! I'VE HAD MOSQUITO BITES THAT HURT MORE THAN THAT!
HO-ZO-IN?


SFX: KER-WHAM


WHAT THE HELL ?

ALL SFX: SHOOM


ALL SFX: SHOOM
SHINE!

AAGHHHHH!
GYAAHHH!

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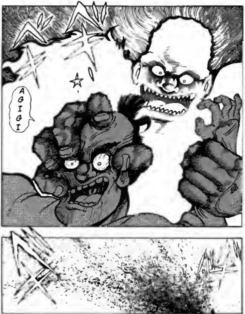
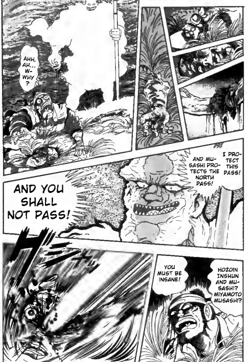
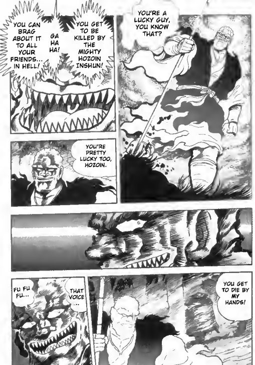
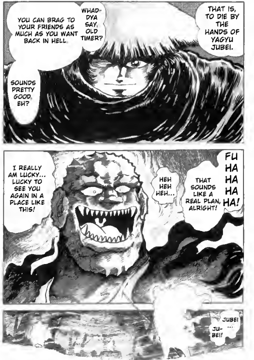


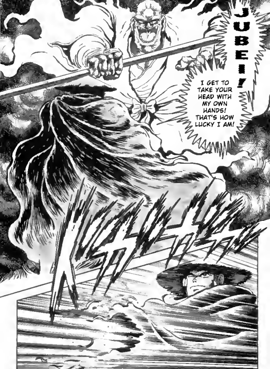
SFX: CRACKING, SNAPPING


AHH, AH... W-WHY?
I PROTECT THIS PASS!
AND MUSASHI PROTECTS THE NORTH PASS!
AND YOU SHALL NOT PASS!
HOZOIN INSHUN AND MUSASHI!? MIYAMOTO MUSASHI!?
YOU MUST BE INSANE!

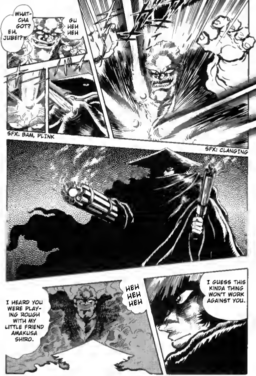
SFX: SPLAT

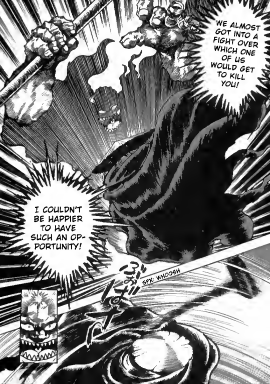

YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY, YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU GET TO BE KILLED BY THE MIGHTY HOZOIN INSHUN!
GA HA HA!
YOU CAN BRAG ABOUT IT TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS... IN HELL!
YOU'RE PRETTY LUCKY TOO, HOZOIN.
YOU GET TO DIE BY MY HANDS!
THAT VOICE...
FU FU FU...


THAT IS, TO DIE BY THE HANDS OF YAGYU JUBEI.
WHADDYA SAY, OLD TIMER?
YOU CAN BRAG TO YOUR FRIENDS AS MUCH AS YOU WANT BACK IN HELL.
SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD EH?
FU HA HA HA HA!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A REAL PLAN, ALRIGHT!
HEH HEH HEH...
I REALLY AM LUCKY... LUCKY TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
JUBEI ...
JUBEI!


JUBEI!
I GET TO TAKE YOUR HEAD WITH MY OWN HANDS! THAT'S HOW LUCKY I AM!

SFX: KER-WHAM


WHAT-CHA GOT? EH, JUBEI?
GU HEH HEH
SFX. BAM, PLINK
SFX: CLANGING
I HEARD YOU WERE PLAYING ROUGH WITH MY LITTLE FRIEND AMAKUSA SHIRO.
HEH HEH HEH
I GUESS THIS KINDA THING WON'T WORK AGAINST YOU.


WE ALMOST GOT INTO A FIGHT OVER WHICH ONE OF US WOULD GET TO KILL YOU!
I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER TO HAVE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY!
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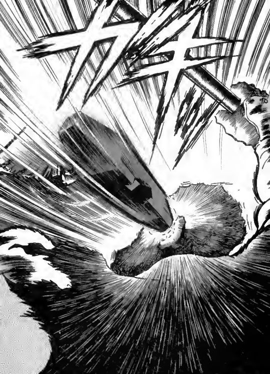
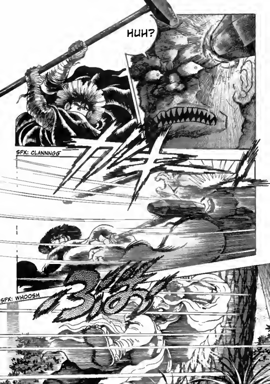
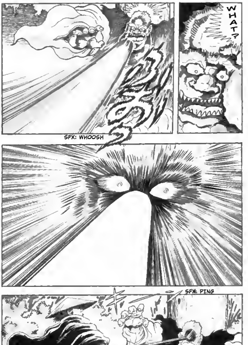
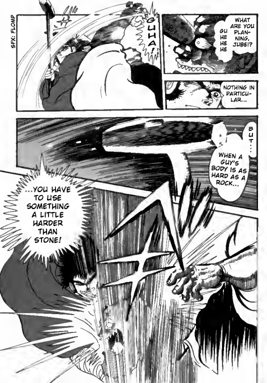
SFX: WHOOSH

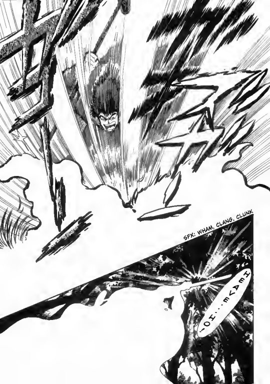


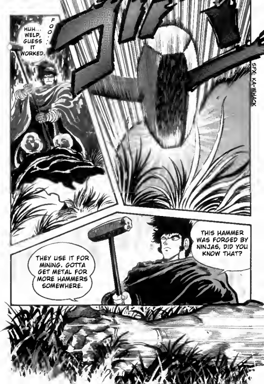
SFX: CLANG

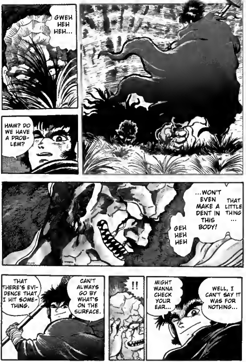

HUH?
SFX: CLANNNGG
SFX: WHOOSH

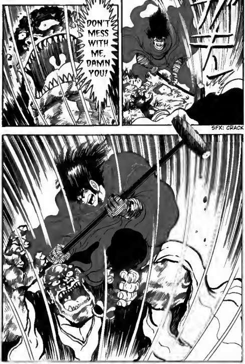

WHAT?
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: PING


WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, JUBEI?
GU HE HE HE
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...
GUHA!
SFX: FLOMP
BUT...
WHEN A GUY'S BODY IS AS HARD AS A ROCK...
...YOU HAVE TO USE SOMETHING A LITTLE HARDER THAN STONE!


SFX: WHAM, CLANG, CLUNK
HEAVE...HO!


SFX: KA-WHACK
FOO...
HUH... WELP, GUESS IT WORKED.
THIS HAMMER WAS FORGED BY NINJAS, DID YOU KNOW THAT?
THEY USE IT FOR MINING. GOTTA GET METAL FOR MORE HAMMERS SOMEWHERE.


GWEH HEH HEH...
HMM? DO WE HAVE A PROBLEM?
THAT LITTLE THING...
...WON'T EVEN MAKE A DENT IN THIS BODY!
GEH HEH HEH
WELL, I CAN'T SAY IT WAS FOR NOTHING...
MIGHT WANNA CHECK YOUR EAR...
!!
CAN'T ALWAYS GO BY WHAT'S ON THE SURFACE.
THAT THERE'S EVIDENCE THAT I HIT SOMETHING.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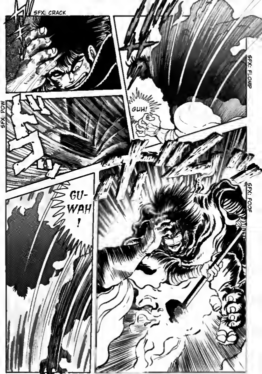
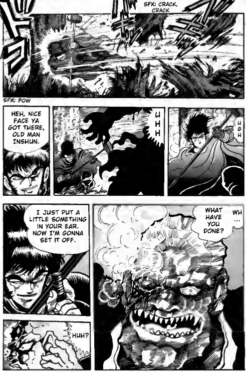
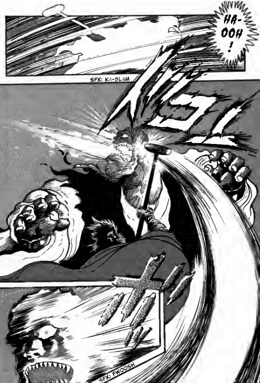
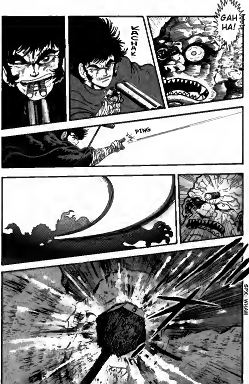
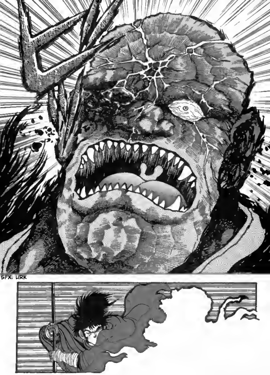
SFX: CRACK
DON'T MESS WITH ME, DAMN YOU!

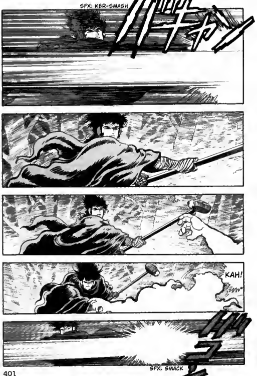

SFX: FLOMP
GUH!
SFX CRACK
SFX POW
SFX: FOOF
GU-WAH!

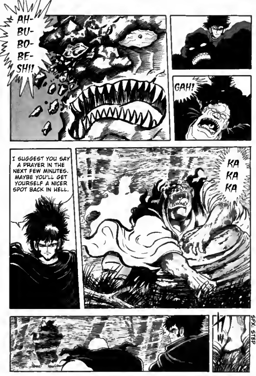

SFX: CRACK, CRACK
SFX: POW
UGH
UHH
HEH, NICE FACE YA GOT THERE, OLD MAN INSHUN.
WH...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
I JUST PUT A LITTLE SOMETHING IN YOUR EAR. NOW I'M GONNA SET IT OFF.
HUH?

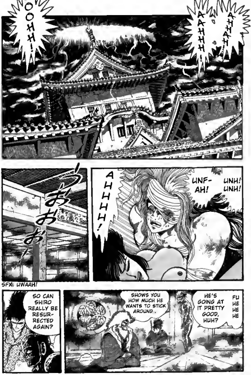

HA-OOH!
SFX: KA-BLAM
SFX: FWOOSH

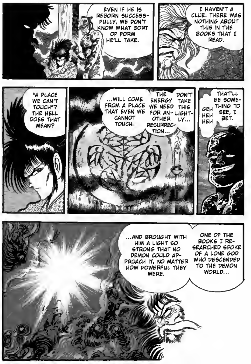

GAH HA!
KACHAK
PING
SFX: WHAM

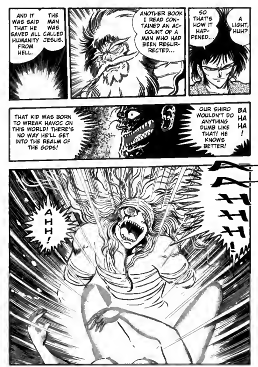

SFX. URK

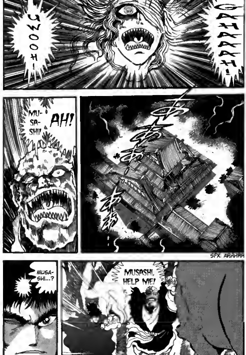

SFX. KER-SMASH
KAH!
SFX. SMACK

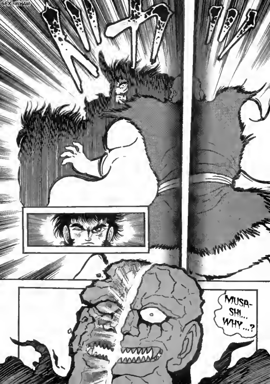

AH-BU-BO-BE-SH!!
GAH!
I SUGGEST YOU SAY A PRAYER IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES. MAYBE YOU'LL GET YOURSELF A NICER SPOT BACK IN HELL.
KA KA KA
SFX. STEP

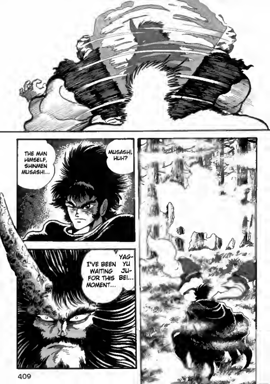

AHHH!
AHHHH!
OOHH!
UNH! UNH!
UNF-AH!
AHHHHH!
うおおお！
SFX: UWAAH!
FU HE HE HE
HE'S GOING AT IT PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
SHOWS YOU HOW MUCH HE WANTS TO STICK AROUND.
SO CAN SHIRO REALLY BE RESURRECTED AGAIN?

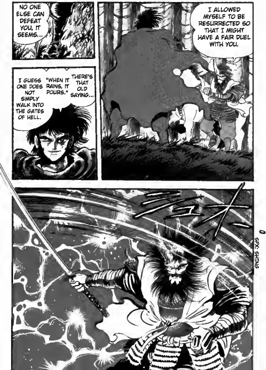

I HAVEN'T A CLUE. THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT THIS IN THE BOOKS THAT I READ.
EVEN IF HE IS REBORN SUCCESSFULLY, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF FORM HE'LL TAKE.
THAT'LL BE SOMETHING TO SEE, I BET.
GEH HEH HEH
DON'T TAKE THIS LIGHTLY...
THE ENERGY WE NEED FOR ANOTHER RESURRECTION...
...WILL COME FROM A PLACE THAT EVEN WE CANNOT TOUCH.
"A PLACE WE CAN'T TOUCH"? THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
ONE OF THE BOOKS I RESEARCHED SPOKE OF A LONE GOD WHO DESCENDED TO THE DEMON WORLD...
...AND BROUGHT WITH HIM A LIGHT SO STRONG THAT NO DEMON COULD APPROACH IT, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THEY WERE.

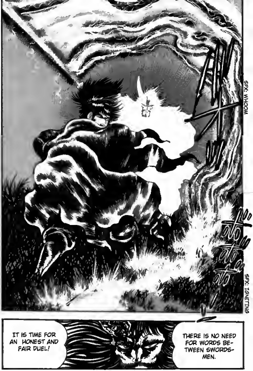

A LIGHT, HUH?
SO THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED...
ANOTHER BOOK I READ CONTAINED AN ACCOUNT OF A MAN WHO HAD BEEN RESURRECTED...
THE MAN WAS CALLED JESUS.
AND IT WAS SAID THAT HE SAVED ALL HUMANITY FROM HELL.
BA HA HA!
OUR SHIRO WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING DUMB LIKE THAT! HE KNOWS BETTER!
THAT KID WAS BORN TO WREAK HAVOC ON THIS WORLD! THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL GET INTO THE REALM OF THE GODS!
AAHHHH!
AHH!

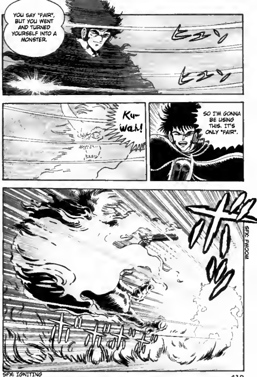

GAHAAAAH!
UWOOH!
SFX: AHHHHH
AH!
MU-SA-SHI!
MUSASHI, HELP ME!
MUSA-SHI...?

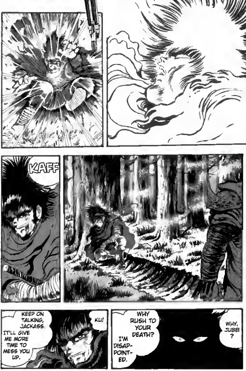

SFX: WHAM
MUSA-SHI... WHY...?

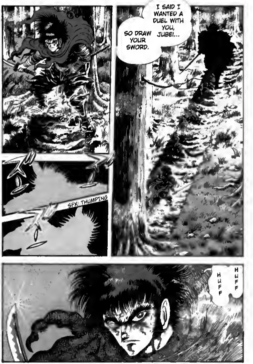

THE MAN HIMSELF, SHINMEN MUSASHI...
MUSASHI, HUH?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT...
YAGYU JUBEI...

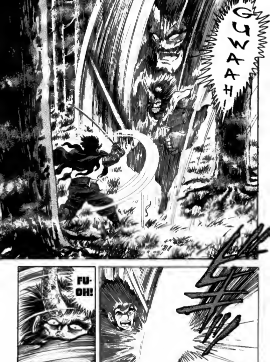

I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE RESURRECTED SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE A FAIR DUEL WITH YOU.
NO ONE ELSE CAN DEFEAT YOU, IT SEEMS...
THERE'S THAT OLD SAYING...
"WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS."
I GUESS ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY WALK INTO THE GATES OF HELL.
SFX: SHING


SFX: WHOOM
SFX: IGNITING
THERE IS NO NEED FOR WORDS BETWEEN SWORDSMEN.
IT IS TIME FOR AN HONEST AND FAIR DUEL!

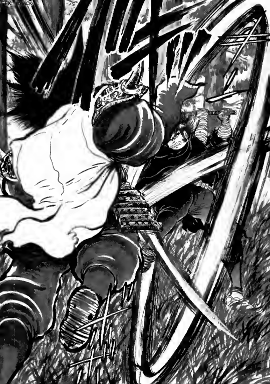

YOU SAY "FAIR", BUT YOU WENT AND TURNED YOURSELF INTO A MONSTER.
ヒュン
ヒュン
SO I'M GONNA BE USING THIS. IT'S ONLY "FAIR".
Ku-wah!
ボッ
SFX: FWOOM
ボボボボ
SFX: IGNITING


KAFF
KEEP ON TALKING, JACKASS. IT'LL GIVE ME MORE TIME TO MESS YOU UP.
KU!
WHY RUSH TO YOUR DEATH? I'M DISAPPOINTED.
WHY, JUBEI ?


I SAID I WANTED A DUEL WITH YOU, JUBEI...
SO DRAW YOUR SWORD.
SFX THUMPING
HUFF HUFF


GUWAAH
FU-OH!

SFX: CLANG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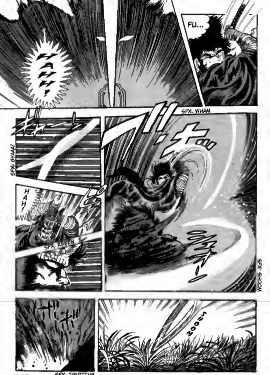
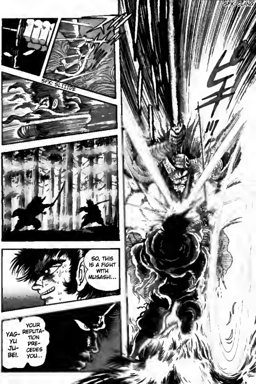

FU...
HAHH!
SFX: WHAM
SFX: GYAAA!
SFX: SWOOSH
HAH!
SFX: KEEEN
SFX: IGNITING


SFX: CLANG
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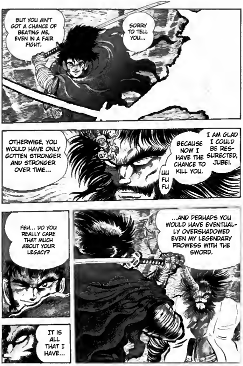
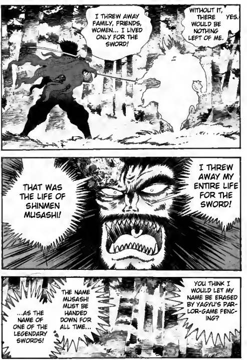
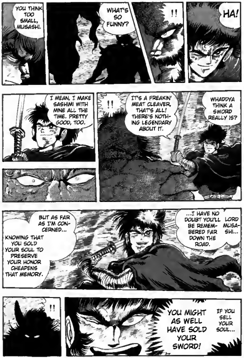
SFX: SLIIIDE
SO, THIS IS A FIGHT WITH MUSASHI...
YAGYU JUBEI.
YOUR REPUTATION PRECEDES YOU...


SORRY TO TELL YOU...
BUT YOU AIN'T GOT A CHANCE OF BEATING ME, EVEN IN A FAIR FIGHT.
I AM GLAD I COULD BE RESURECTED, JUBEI.
BECAUSE NOW I HAVE THE CHANCE TO KILL YOU.
FU FU FU
OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE ONLY GOTTEN STRONGER AND STRONGER OVER TIME...
...AND PERHAPS YOU WOULD HAVE EVENTUALLY OVERSHADOWED EVEN MY LEGENDARY PROWESS WITH THE SWORD.
FEH... DO YOU REALLY CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT YOUR LEGACY?
IT IS ALL THAT I HAVE...


I THREW AWAY FAMILY, FRIENDS, WOMEN... I LIVED ONLY FOR THE SWORD!
WITHOUT IT, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING LEFT OF ME.
YES.
I THREW AWAY MY ENTIRE LIFE FOR THE SWORD!
THAT WAS THE LIFE OF SHINMEN MUSASHI!
YOU THINK I WOULD LET MY NAME BE ERASED BY YAGYU'S PARLOR-GAME FENCING?
THE NAME MUSASHI MUST BE HANDED DOWN FOR ALL TIME...
...AS THE NAME OF ONE OF THE LEGENDARY SWORDS!


HA!
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WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
YOU THINK TOO SMALL, MUSASHI.
WHADDYA THINK A SWORD REALLY IS?
IT'S A FREAKIN' MEAT CLEAVER, THAT'S ALL! THERE'S NOTHING LEGENDARY ABOUT IT.
!!
I MEAN, I MAKE SASHIMI WITH MINE ALL THE TIME. PRETTY GOOD, TOO.
LORD MUSASHI...
...I HAVE NO DOUBT YOU'LL BE REMEMBERED FAR DOWN THE ROAD.
BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...
KNOWING THAT YOU SOLD YOUR SOUL TO PRESERVE YOUR HONOR CHEAPENS THAT MEMORY.
IF YOU SELL YOUR SOUL...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SOLD YOUR SWORD!
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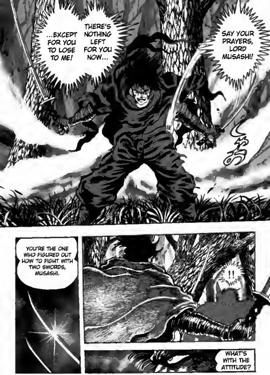
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, LORD MUSASHI!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU NOW...
...EXCEPT FOR YOU TO LOSE TO ME!
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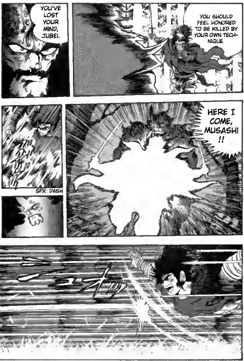
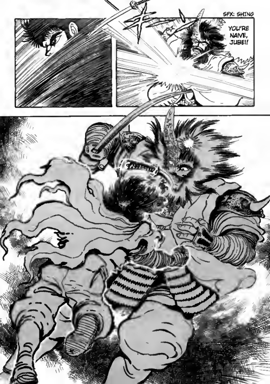
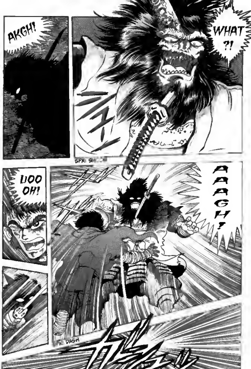
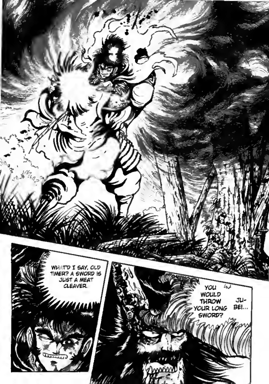
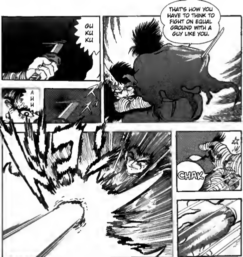
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FIGURED OUT HOW TO FIGHT WITH TWO SWORDS, MUSASHI.


YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND, JUBEI.
YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED TO BE KILLED BY YOUR OWN TECHNIQUE.
HERE I COME, MUSASHI !!
SFX: DASH
SFX: SHOOM

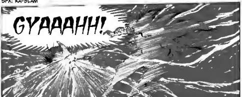

SFX: SHING
YOU'RE NAIVE, JUBEI!

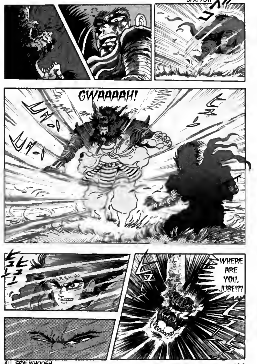

WHAT?!
AKGH!
SFX: S
AAAGH!
UOO OH!
SFX: DASH
SFX: WHOOM


WHAT'D I SAY, OLD TIMER? A SWORD IS JUST A MEAT CLEAVER.
YOU WOULD THROW YOUR LONG SWORD?
JU-BEI...

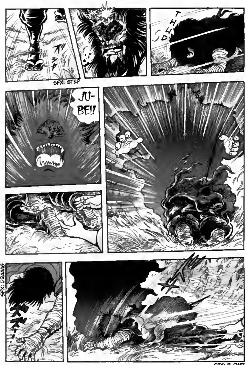

THAT'S HOW YOU HAVE TO THINK TO FIGHT ON EQUAL GROUND WITH A GUY LIKE YOU.
GU KU KU
A H H
CHAK

SFX: KA-BLAM


GYAAAHH!


SFX: POW
GWAAAAH!
WHERE ARE YOU, JUBEI?!

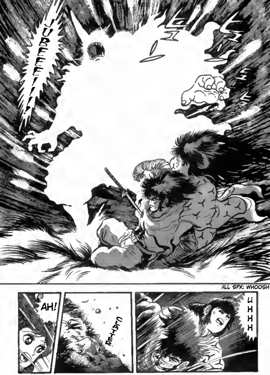
ALL SFX: WHOOSH

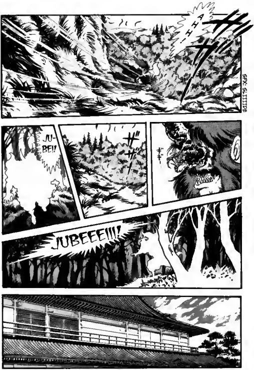


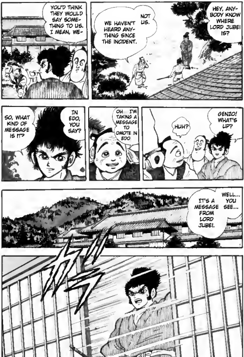
SFX: STEP

SFX: DRAAAG

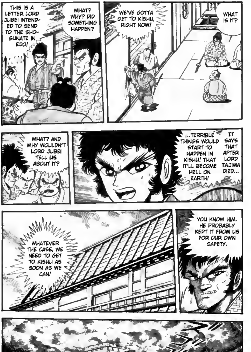
SFX: FLOMP

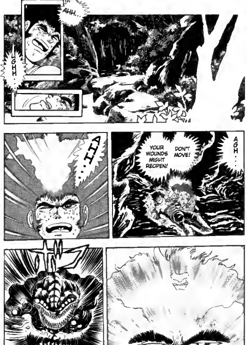

JUBEEEE!!!!
ALL SFX: WHOOSH
AH!
CLATTER!
UHHH


AHH!
SFX: SLIIIIDE
JU-BEI!!
JUBEEE!!!!

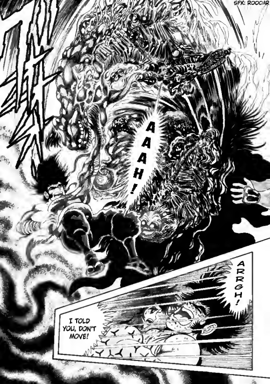

HEY, ANYBODY KNOW WHERE LORD JUBEI IS?
NOT US.
WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING SINCE THE INCIDENT.
YOU'D THINK THEY WOULD SAY SOMETHING TO US. I MEAN, WE-
GENZO! WHAT'S UP?
HUH?
OH, I'M TAKING A MESSAGE TO OMOTE IN EDO
IN EDO, YOU SAY?
SO, WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE IS IT?
WELL... YOU SEE...
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM LORD JUBEI.

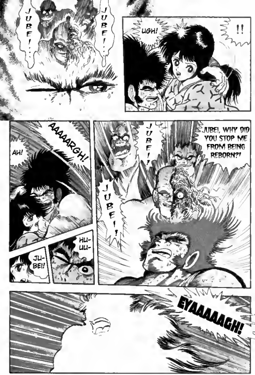
SFX: SLIDE


WE'VE GOTTA GET TO KISHU, RIGHT NOW!
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT? WHY? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
THIS IS A LETTER LORD JUBEI INTENDED TO SEND TO THE SHOGUNATE IN EDO!
IT SAYS THAT AFTER LORD TAJIMA DIED...
...TERRIBLE THINGS WOULD START TO HAPPEN IN KISHU! THAT IT'LL BECOME HELL ON EARTH!
WHAT? AND WHY WOULDN'T LORD JUBEI TELL US ABOUT IT?
YOU KNOW HIM. HE PROBABLY KEPT IT FROM US FOR OUR OWN SAFETY.
WHATEVER THE CASE, WE NEED TO GET TO KISHU AS SOON AS WE CAN!


AHH...
UGHH...
AHH...
DON'T MOVE!
YOUR WOUNDS MIGHT REOPEN!
AGH...

SFX: THUMP


SFX: ROOOAR
AAAH!
ARRGH!
I TOLD YOU, DON'T MOVE!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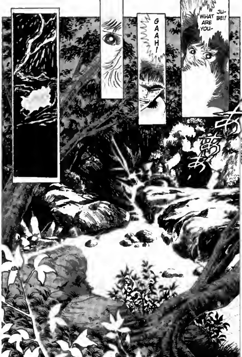
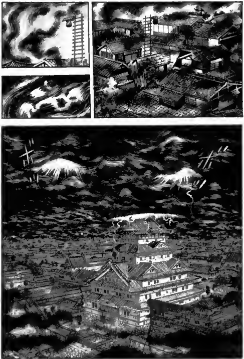
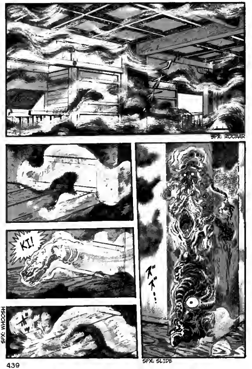
UGH!
JUBE!...
JUBE!...
JUBEI, WHY DID YOU STOP ME FROM BEING REBORN?!
JUBE!
JUBE!!
AAAAARGH!
AH!
HU-UU-
JU-BEI!!
EYAAAAAGH!


JU-BEI! WHAT ARE YOU-
GAAH!
SFX: AAAH!



SFX: WHOOSH


SFX: ROOAAR
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SFX: SLIDE
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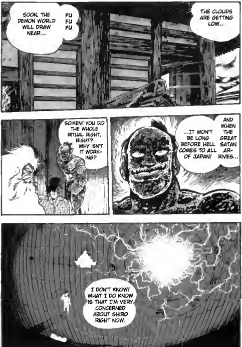
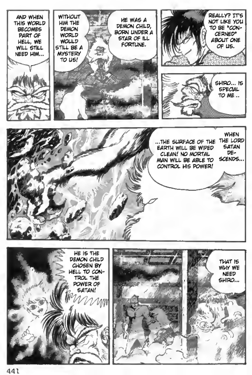
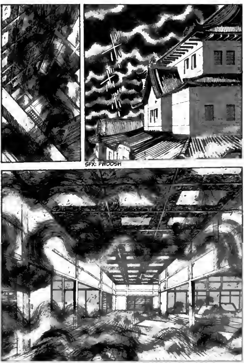
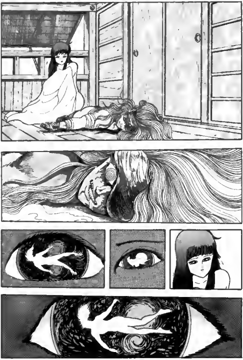
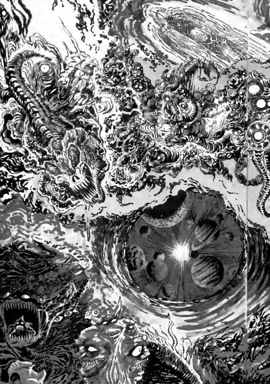
SFX: WHOOSH

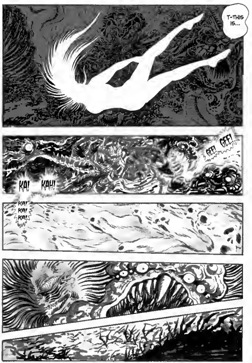

SOON, THE DEMON WORLD WILL DRAW NEAR..
FU FU FU
THE CLOUDS ARE GETTING LOW..
SOIKEN! YOU DID THE WHOLE RITUAL RIGHT, RIGHT? WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?
...IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HELL COMES TO ALL OF JAPAN!
AND WHEN THE GREAT SATAN ARRIVES...
I DON'T KNOW! WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SHIRO RIGHT NOW.

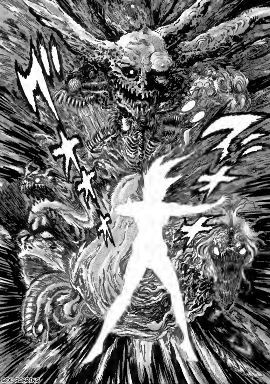

REALLY? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE "CONCERNED" ABOUT ONE OF US.
SHIRO... IS SPECIAL TO ME ..
HE WAS A DEMON CHILD, BORN UNDER A STAR OF ILL FORTUNE.
WITHOUT HIM THE DEMON WORLD WOULD STILL BE A MYSTERY TO US!
AND WHEN THIS WORLD BECOMES PART OF HELL, WE WILL STILL NEED HIM...
WHEN THE LORD SATAN DESCENDS...
...THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH WILL BE WIPED CLEAN! NO MORTAL MAN WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIS POWER!
HE IS THE DEMON CHILD CHOSEN BY HELL TO CONTROL THE POWER OF SATAN!
THAT IS WHY WE NEED SHIRO...

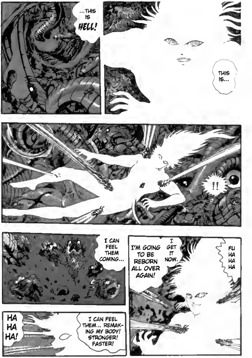

SFX: FWOOSH

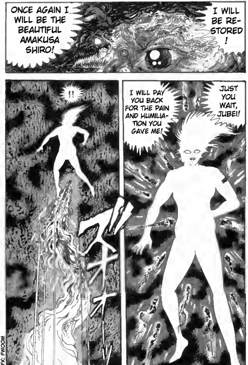


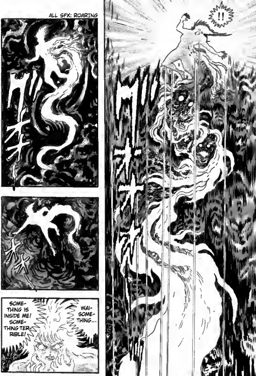



T-THIS IS...
GEE! GEE!
KA! KAH!
KA! KA! KA!


SFX: ROARING


THIS IS...
...THIS IS *HELL!*
!!
FU HA HA HA
I GET IT NOW.
I'M GOING TO BE REBORN ALL OVER AGAIN!
I CAN FEEL THEM COMING...
I CAN FEEL THEM... REMAKING MY BODY! STRONGER! FASTER!
HA HA HA!


ONCE AGAIN I WILL BE THE BEAUTIFUL AMAKUSA SHIRO!
I WILL BE RESTORED!
!!
I WILL PAY YOU BACK FOR THE PAIN AND HUMILIATION YOU GAVE ME!
JUST YOU WAIT, JUBEI!
SFX: FWOOM


ALL SFX: ROARING
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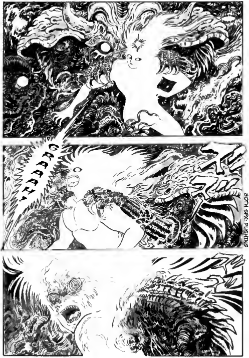
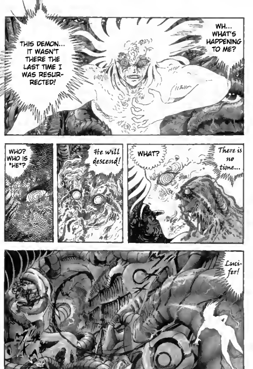
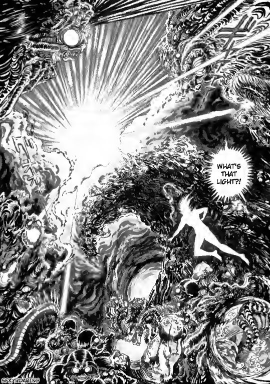
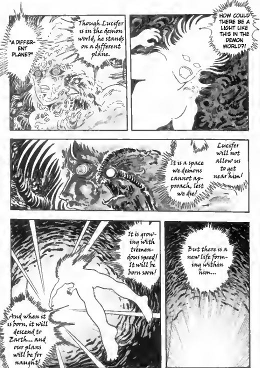
WAI- SOMETHING...
SOMETHING IS INSIDE ME! SOMETHING TERRIBLE!

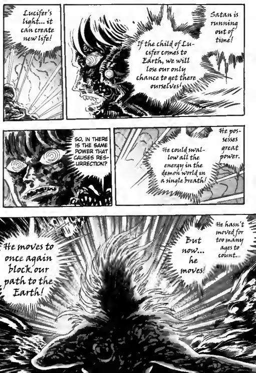

GRAAAAH!
BOTH SFX: PUSHING

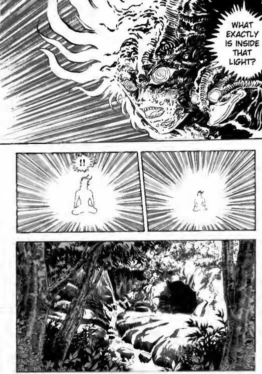

WH... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
THIS DEMON... IT WASN'T THERE THE LAST TIME I WAS RESURRECTED!
There is no time...
WHAT?
He will descend!
WHO? WHO IS "HE"?
Lucifer!

SFX: ROARING


WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?!
SFX: ROARING


Though Lucifer is in the demon world, he stands on a different plane.
"A DIFFERENT PLANE?"
HOW COULD THERE BE A LIGHT LIKE THIS IN THE DEMON WORLD?!
It is a space we demons cannot approach, lest we die!
Lucifer will not allow us to get near him!
It is growing with tremendous speed! It will be born soon!
And when it is born, it will descend to Earth... and our plans will be for naught!
But there is a new life forming within him...


Satan is running out of time!
If the child of Lucifer comes to Earth, we will lose our only chance to get there ourselves!
Lucifer's light... it can create new life!
He possesses great power.
He could swallow all the energy in the demon world in a single breath!
SO, IN THERE IS THE SAME POWER THAT CAUSES RESURRECTION?
He hasn't moved for too many ages to count...
But now... he moves!
He moves to once again block our path to the Earth!


WHAT EXACTLY IS INSIDE THAT LIGHT?
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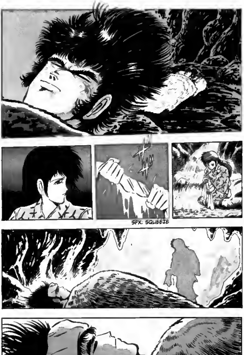
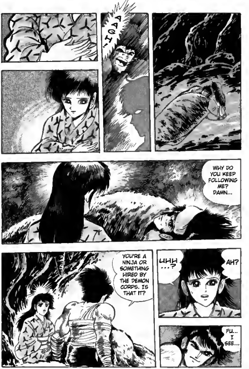
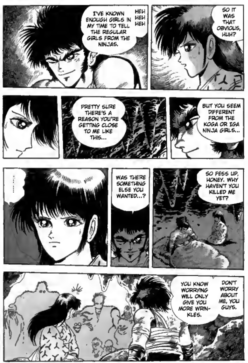
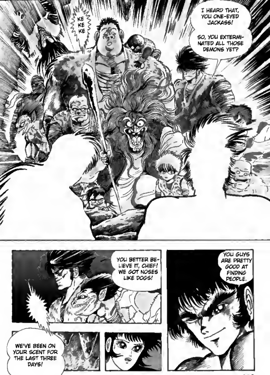
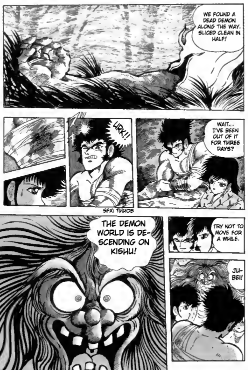
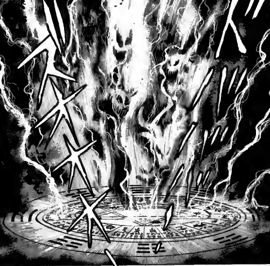

SFX: SQUEEZE


AAGH!
WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME? DAMN...
AH?
UHH ...?
YOU'RE A NINJA OR SOMETHING HIRED BY THE DEMON CORPS. IS THAT IT?
FU... I SEE...


I'VE KNOWN ENOUGH GIRLS IN MY TIME TO TELL THE REGULAR GIRLS FROM THE NINJAS.
HEH HEH HEH
SO IT WAS THAT OBVIOUS, HUH?
PRETTY SURE THERE'S A REASON YOU'RE GETTING CLOSE TO ME LIKE THIS...
BUT YOU SEEM DIFFERENT FROM THE KOGA OR IGA NINJA GIRLS...
......
WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED...?
SO FESS UP, HONEY. WHY HAVEN'T YOU KILLED ME YET?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, YOU GUYS.
YOU KNOW WORRYING WILL ONLY GIVE YOU MORE WRINKLES.

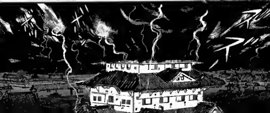

KE KE KE
I HEARD THAT, YOU ONE-EYED JACKASS!
SO, YOU EXTERMINATED ALL THOSE DEMONS YET?
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, CHIEF! WE GOT NOSES LIKE DOGS!
WE'VE BEEN ON YOUR SCENT FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS!
YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY GOOD AT FINDING PEOPLE.

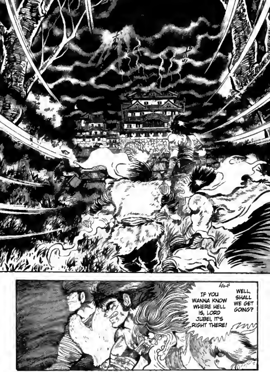

WE FOUND A DEAD DEMON ALONG THE WAY. SLICED CLEAN IN HALF!
URK!!
SFX: THROB
WAIT... I'VE BEEN OUT OF IT FOR THREE DAYS?
TRY NOT TO MOVE FOR A WHILE.
THE DEMON WORLD IS DESCENDING ON KISHU!
JUBEI!

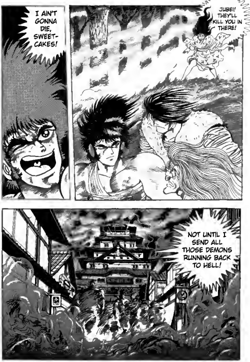


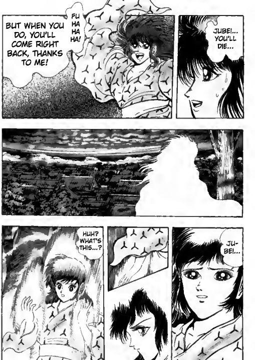
SFX (ABOVE): FWOOM, ROOAAR

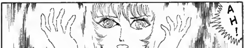
SFX (BELOW): ZZZT, THUNDER




WELL, SHALL WE GET GOING?
IF YOU WANNA KNOW WHERE HELL IS, LORD JUBEI, IT'S RIGHT THERE!


JUBEI! THEY'LL KILL YOU IN THERE!
I AIN'T GONNA DIE, SWEET-CAKES!
NOT UNTIL I SEND ALL THOSE DEMONS RUNNING BACK TO HELL!


BUT WHEN YOU DO, YOU'LL COME RIGHT BACK, THANKS TO ME!
FU HA HA HA!
JUBEI... YOU'LL DIE...
HUH? WHAT'S THIS...?
JU-BEI...



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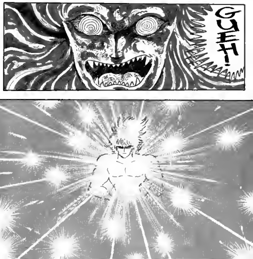
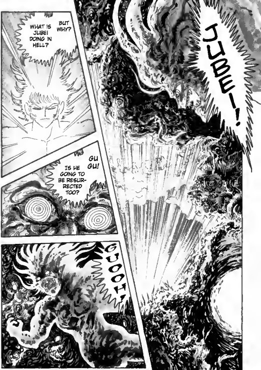
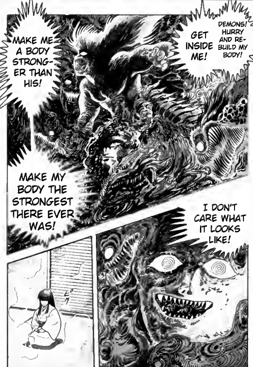



JUBEI!
WHAT IS JUBEI DOING IN HELL?
BUT WHY?
IS HE GOING TO BE RESURRECTED TOO?
GU GU!
GUOOH!


DEMONS! HURRY AND RE-BUILD MY BODY!
GET INSIDE ME!
MAKE ME A BODY STRONGER THAN HIS!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
MAKE MY BODY THE STRONGEST THERE EVER WAS!
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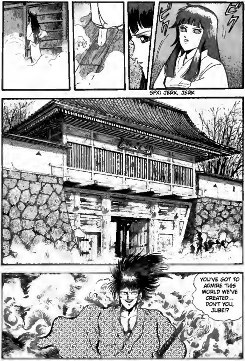
SFX: TWITCH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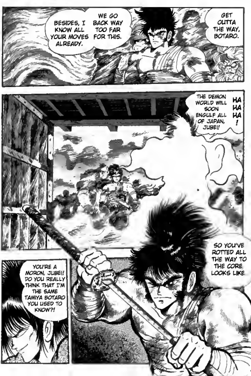
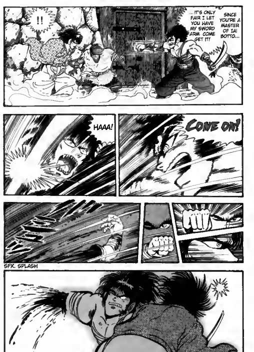
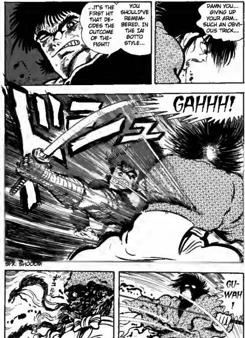
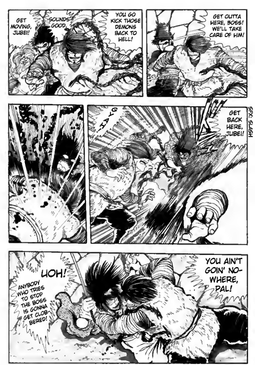
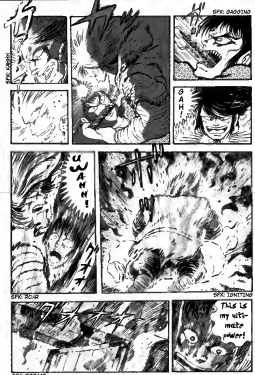
SFX: JERK, JERK
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIRE THIS WORLD WE'VE CREATED... DON'T YOU, JUBE!?

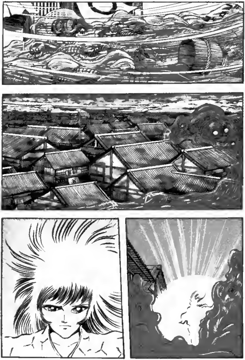

GET OUTTA THE WAY, BOTARO.
WE GO BACK WAY TOO FAR FOR THIS.
BESIDES, I KNOW ALL YOUR MOVES ALREADY.
THE DEMON WORLD WILL SOON ENGULF ALL OF JAPAN, JUBEI!
HA HA HA !
SO YOU'VE ROTTED ALL THE WAY TO THE CORE LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE A MORON, JUBEI! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I'M THE SAME TAMIYA BOTARO YOU USED TO KNOW?!

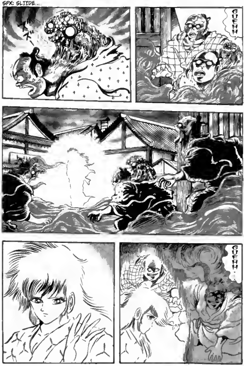

SINCE YOU'RE A MASTER OF IAI BOTTO...
...IT'S ONLY FAIR I LET YOU HAVE MY SWORD ARM COME GET IT!
!!
COME ON!
HAAA!
SFX. SPLASH


DAMN YOU... GIVING UP YOUR ARM... SUCH AN OBVIOUS TRICK...
YOU SHOULD'VE REMEMBERED. IN THE IAI BOTTO STYLE...
...IT'S THE FIRST HIT THAT DECIDES THE OUTCOME OF THE FIGHT!
GAHHH!
SFX: SHOOOM
GUWAH!
SFX: GURGLING


GET MOVING, JUBEI!
SOUNDS GOOD.
YOU GO KICK THOSE DEMONS BACK TO HELL!
GET OUTTA HERE, BOSS! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
GYAH!
GET BACK HERE, JUBEI!
SFX: SLASH
UOH!
ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO STOP THE BOSS IS GONNA GET CLOBBERED!
YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE, PAL!


SFX: GAGGING
GAH!
SFX: KAHHH
SFX: IGNITING
UWAHH!
SFX: ROAR
This is my ultimate power!
SFX: ROOAAR




GUEHH
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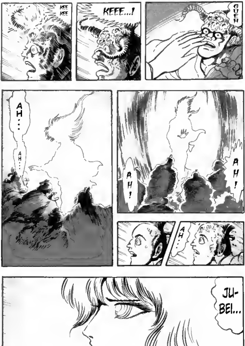
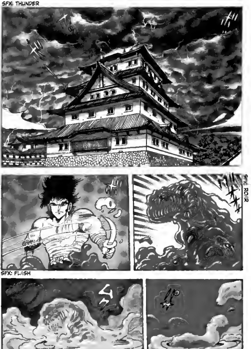
SFX: SLIIDE..
GUEHH


GUEH
KEEE...!
KEE KEE
AH!
AH!
AH...
AH...
AH...
JU-BEI...

SFX: THUNDER

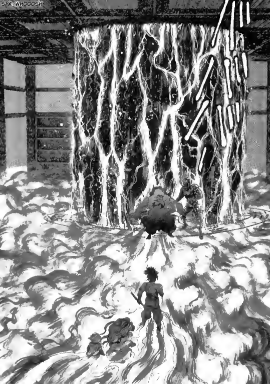


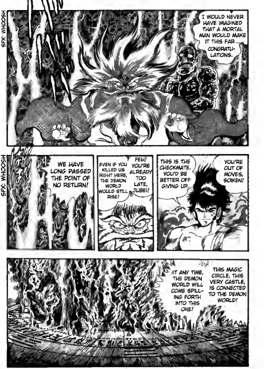
SFX: ROAR

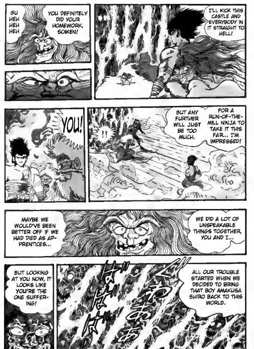
SFX: FLASH

SFX: RISING...

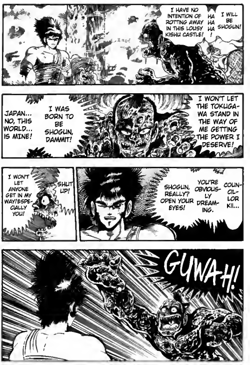
SFX: RUSTLING

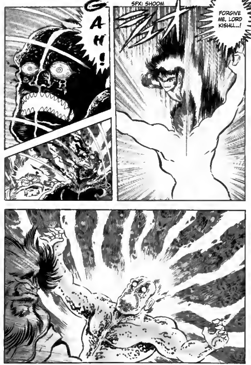

SFX: WHOOOSH

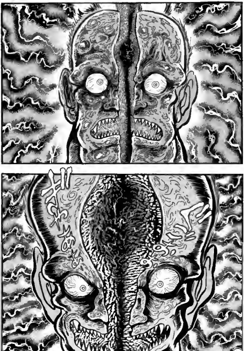

SFX: WHOOSH
I WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT A MORTAL MAN WOULD MAKE IT THIS FAR ... CONGRATULATIONS.
SFX: WHOOSH
YOU'RE OUT OF MOVES, SOIKEN!
THIS IS THE CHECKMATE. YOU'D BE BETTER OFF GIVING UP.
FEH! YOU'RE ALREADY TOO LATE, JUBEI!
EVEN IF YOU KILLED US RIGHT HERE, THE DEMON WORLD WOULD STILL RISE!
WE HAVE LONG PASSED THE POINT OF NO RETURN!
THIS MAGIC CIRCLE, THIS VERY CASTLE, IS CONNECTED TO THE DEMON WORLD!
AT ANY TIME, THE DEMON WORLD WILL COME SPILLING FORTH INTO THIS ONE!


I'LL KICK THIS CASTLE AND EVERYBODY IN IT STRAIGHT TO HELL!
YOU DEFINITELY DID YOUR HOMEWORK, SOIKEN!
GU HEH HEH HEH
FOR A RUN-OF-THE-MILL NINJA TO TAKE IT THIS FAR... I'M IMPRESSED!
BUT ANY FURTHER WILL JUST BE TOO MUCH.
!!
YOU!
WE DID A LOT OF UNSPEAKABLE THINGS TOGETHER, YOU AND I...
MAYBE WE WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER OFF IF WE HAD DIED AS APPRENTICES...
ALL OUR TROUBLE STARTED WHEN WE DECIDED TO BRING THAT BOY AMAKUSA SHIRO BACK TO THIS WORLD.
BUT LOOKING AT YOU NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE SUFFERING!

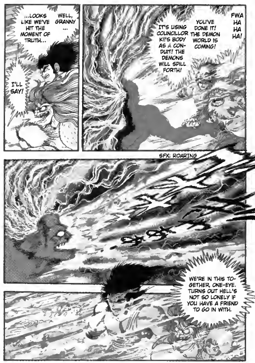
SFX: GUAHH, WHOOSH

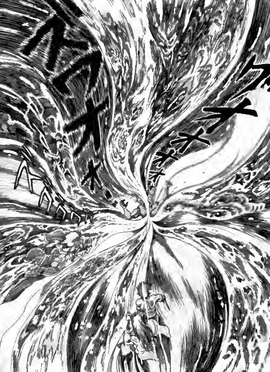

I WILL BE SHOGUN!
HA HA HA!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ROTTING AWAY IN THIS LOUSY KISHU CASTLE!
I WON'T LET THE TOKUGAWA STAND IN THE WAY OF ME GETTING THE POWER I DESERVE!
I WAS BORN TO BE SHOGUN, DAMMIT!
JAPAN... NO, THIS WORLD... IS MINE!
COUNCILLOR KII...
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY DREAMING.
SHOGUN, REALLY? OPEN YOUR EYES!
SHUT UP!
I WON'T LET ANYONE GET IN MY WAY! ESPECIALLY YOU!
GUWAH!


SFX: SHOOM
FORGIVE ME, LORD KISHU...!
GAH!

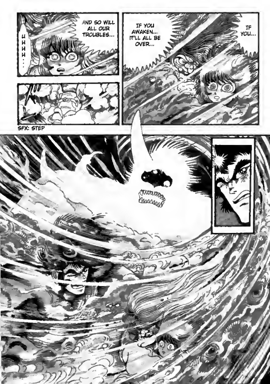


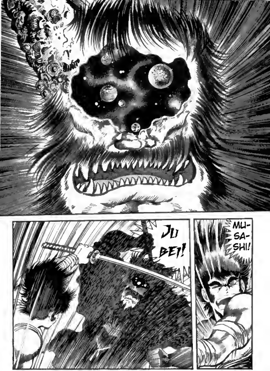
SFX. SCREAMING

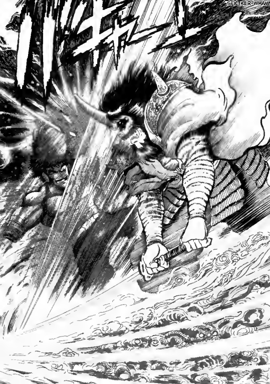

...LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HIT THE MOMENT OF TRUTH...
WELL, GRANNY ...
I'LL SAY!
IT'S USING COUNCILLOR KII'S BODY AS A CONDUIT! THE DEMONS WILL SPILL FORTH!
YOU'VE DONE IT! THE DEMON WORLD IS COMING!
FWA HA HA HA!
SFX: ROARING
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER, ONE-EYE. TURNS OUT HELL'S NOT SO LONELY IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND TO GO IN WITH.

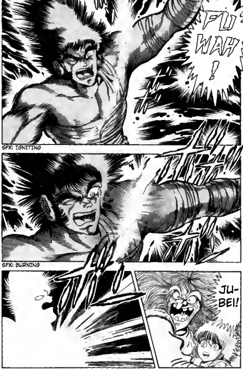


SFX: ROARING


IF YOU...
IF YOU AWAKEN... IT'LL ALL BE OVER...
AND SO WILL ALL OUR TROUBLES...
UHHH...
SFX: STEP


MU-SA-SHI!
JU BEI!

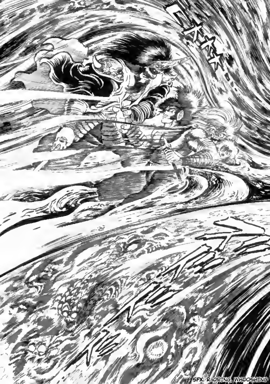

SFX: KER-WHAM

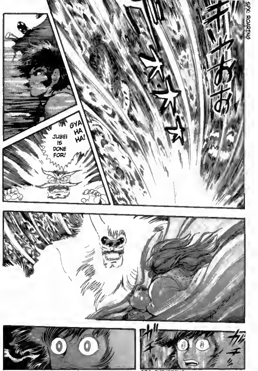

FU WAH!
JU-BEI!

SFX: IGNITING

SFX: BURNING

SFX: FWOOSH


SFX: ROARING, WHOOSHING


SFX: ROARING
GYA HA HA!
JUBEI IS DONE FOR!
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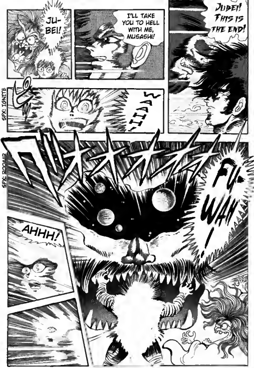
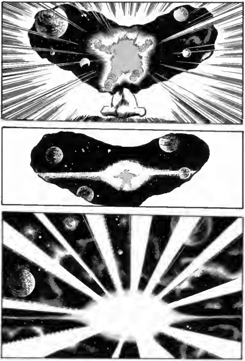
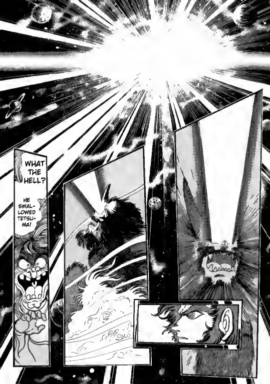
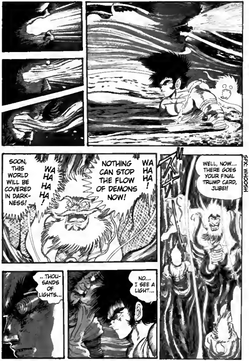
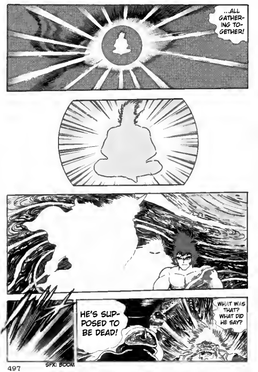
SFX: SHIVERING

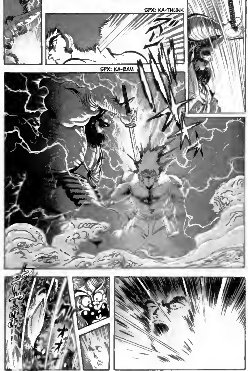

JUBEI! THIS IS THE END!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO HELL WITH ME, MUSASHI!
JU-BEI!
SFX: IGNITE
WAAHH!
SFX: ROOAR
FU-WAH!
AHHH!




WHAT THE HELL?
HE SWAL-LOWED TETSU-MA!


SFX: WHOOSH
WELL, NOW... THERE GOES YOUR FINAL TRUMP CARD, JUBEI!
WA HA HA !
NOTHING CAN STOP THE FLOW OF DEMONS NOW!
WA HA HA HA !
SOON, THIS WORLD WILL BE COVERED IN DARKNESS!
NO... I SEE A LIGHT...
.. THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS...


...ALL GATHERING TOGETHER!
WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!
SFX: BOOM


SFX: KA-THUNK
SFX: KA-BAM
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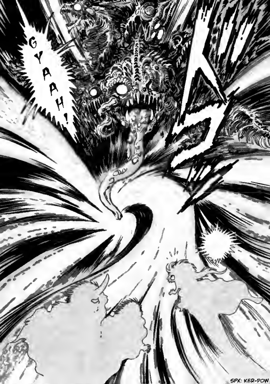
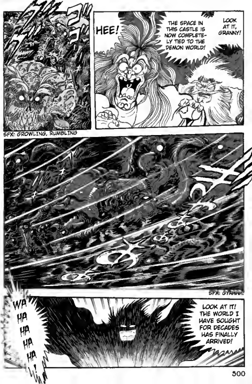
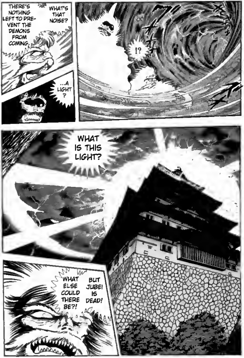
SFX: ROARING


GYAAH!
SFX: KER-POW


HEE!
THE SPACE IN THIS CASTLE IS NOW COMPLETELY TIED TO THE DEMON WORLD!
LOOK AT IT, GRANNY!
SFX: GROWLING, RUMBLING
SFX: GYAHHH!
WA HA HA HA HA!
LOOK AT IT! THE WORLD I HAVE SOUGHT FOR DECADES HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!

SFX: ROARING, WHOOSHING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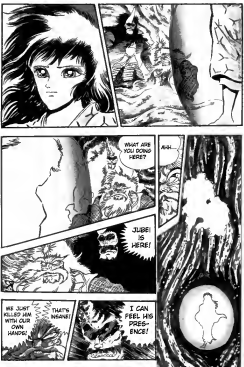
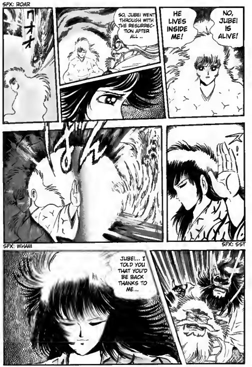
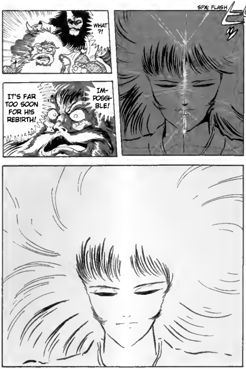
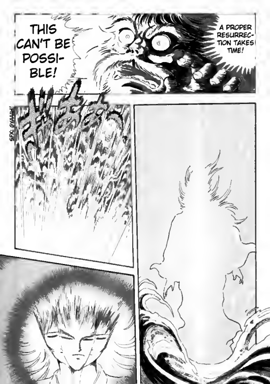
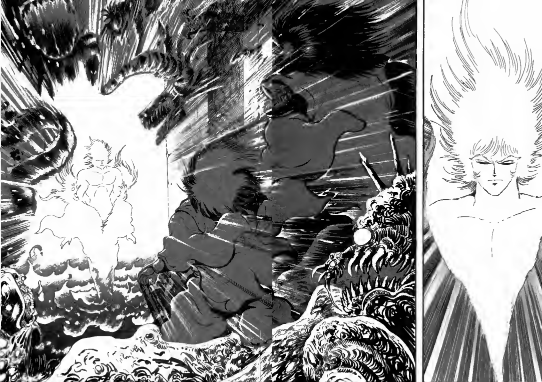
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO PREVENT THE DEMONS FROM COMING.
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
...A LIGHT?
WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?
BUT JUBEI IS DEAD!
WHAT ELSE COULD THERE BE?!

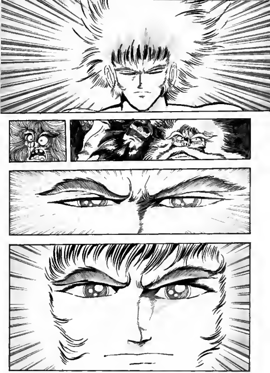

AHH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
JUBEI IS HERE!
I CAN FEEL HIS PRESENCE!
THAT'S INSANE!
WE JUST KILLED HIM WITH OUR OWN HANDS!

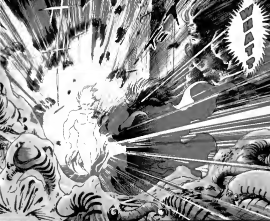

NO, JUBEI IS ALIVE!
HE LIVES INSIDE ME!
SO, JUBEI WENT THROUGH WITH THE RESURRECTION AFTER ALL ..
SFX: ROAR
SFX: SST
SFX: WHAM
JUBEI... I TOLD YOU THAT YOU'D BE BACK THANKS TO ME..


SFX: FLASH
WHAT ?!
IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S FAR TOO SOON FOR HIS REBIRTH!

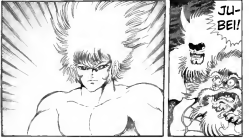

THIS CAN'T BE POSSIBLE!
A PROPER RESURRECTION TAKES TIME!
SFX: GYAAAH!

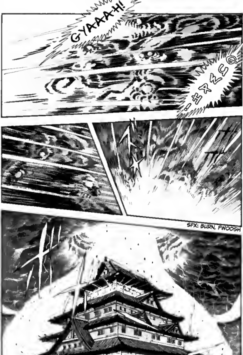


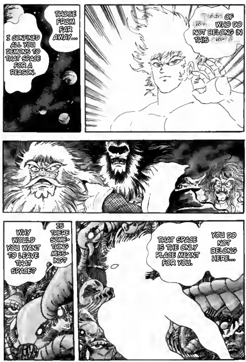


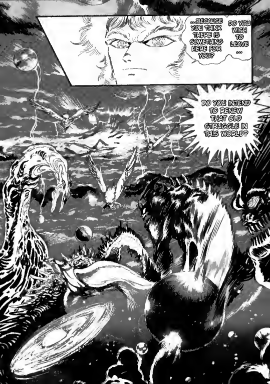


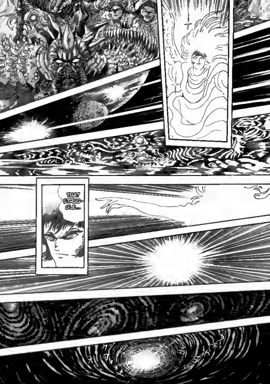
SFX: ROARS, BURNING

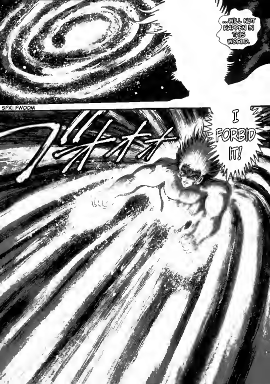


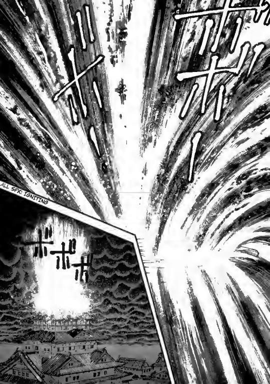

GWAAH!
GYAAAH!
SFX: BURN, FWOOSH
SFX: FLASH


THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT BELONG IN THIS WORLD...
THOSE FROM FAR AWAY...
I CONFINED ALL YOU DEMONS TO THAT SPACE FOR A REASON.
YOU DO NOT BELONG HERE...
THAT SPACE IS THE ONLY PLACE MEANT FOR YOU.
IS THERE SOMETHING MISSING?
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO LEAVE THAT SPACE?


DO YOU WISH TO LEAVE...
...BECAUSE YOU THINK THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR YOU?
DO YOU INTEND TO RENEW THAT OLD STRUGGLE IN THIS WORLD?


THAT STRUGGLE...


...WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THIS WORLD.
SFX: FWOOM
I FORBID IT!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ALL SFX: IGNITING
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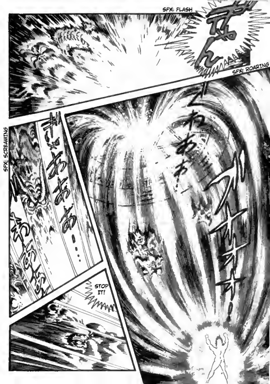
SFX: FLASH
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SFX: ROARING
ぐわああ…
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SFX: SCREAMING
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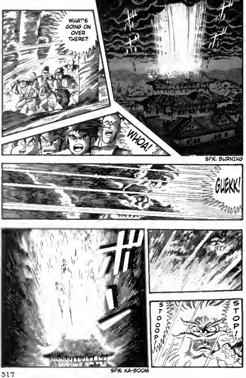
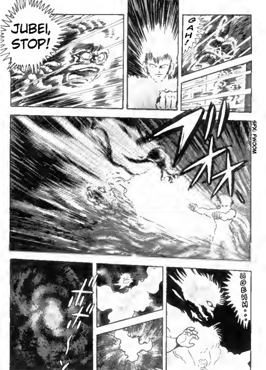
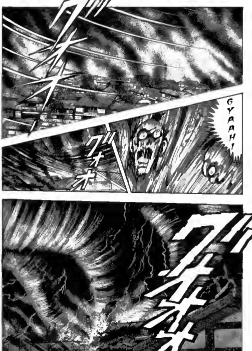
STOP IT!


SFX: BURNING
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
WHOA!
GUEKK!
STOP!
STOOOP!
SFX: KA-BOOM


GAH!
JUBEI, STOP!
SFX: FWOOM
UGEHH...
SFX: BURNING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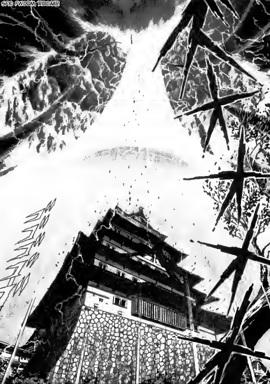
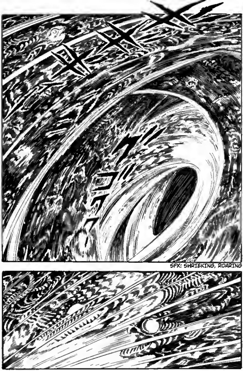
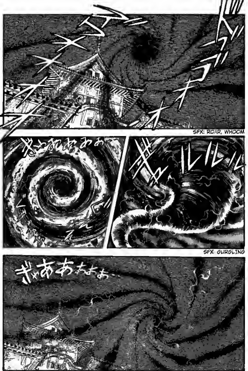
ALL SFX: ROOAAR


SFX: FWOOM, ROOAR


SFX: SHRIEKING, ROARING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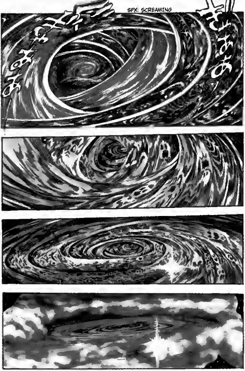
SFX: ROAR, WHOOM

SFX GURGLING

ALL OTHER SFX: SCREAMING


SFX: SCREAMING
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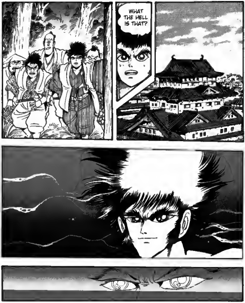
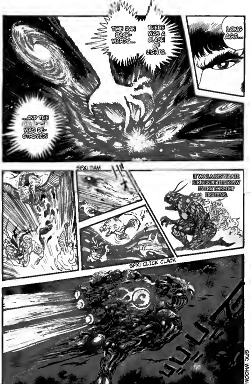
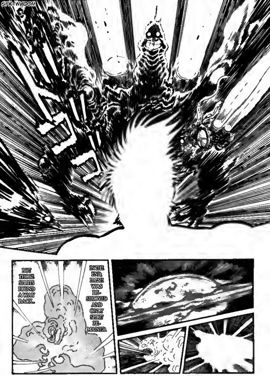
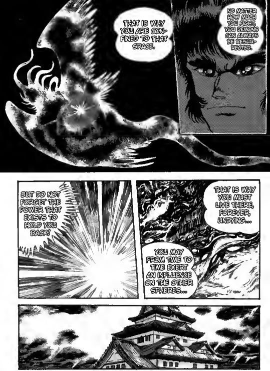
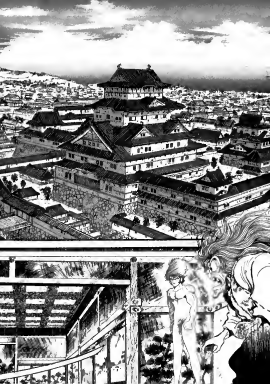
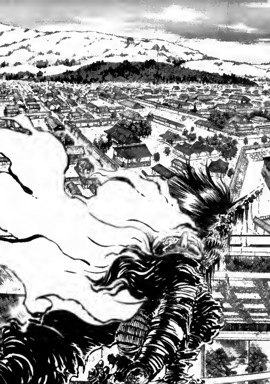

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

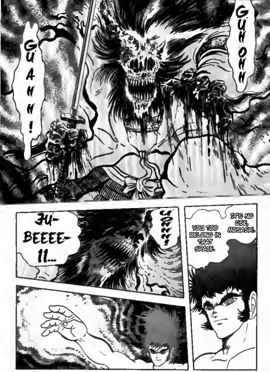

LONG AGO...
THERE WAS A CLASH OF LIGHTS.
TIME RAN BACKWARDS...
...AND THE UNIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!
IT WAS A DESPERATE STRUGGLE THAT SAW EVERY FORM OF FIGHTING.
SFX: BAM
SFX: CLICK CLACK
SFX: WHOOM

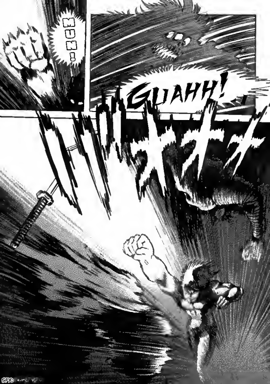

SFX: WHOOM
IN THE END, FLESH WAS DESTROYED AND ONLY SPIRIT REMAINED.
BUT THOSE SPIRITS FOUND A WAY BACK...


NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU FIGHT, YOU DEMONS CAN ALWAYS BE RESURRECTED.
THAT IS WHY YOU ARE CONFINED TO THAT SPACE.
BUT DO NOT FORGET THAT POWER THAT EXISTS TO HOLD YOU BACK!
THAT IS WHY YOU MUST LIVE THERE, FOREVER, UNDYING...
YOU MAY FROM TIME TO TIME EXERT AN INFLUENCE ON THE OTHER SPHERES...






GUH OHH
GUAHH!
IT'S NO USE, MUSASHI!
YOU TOO BELONG IN THAT SPACE.
UOHHH!
JU-BEEEE-II...


MUN!
GUAHH!
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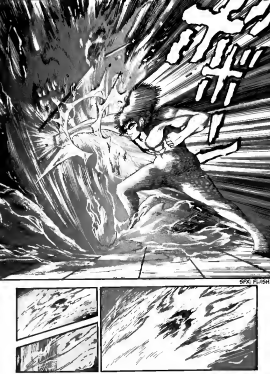
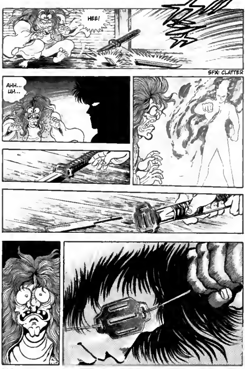
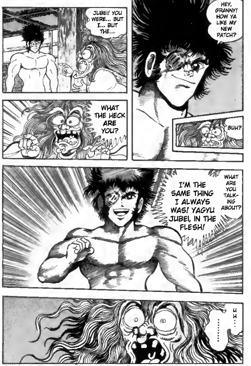
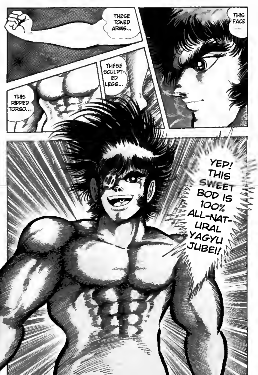
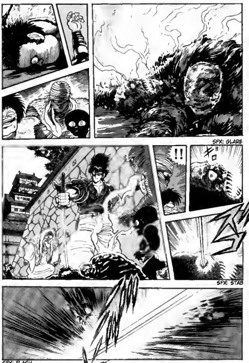
SFX:


SFX: FLASH


HEE!
SFX: CLATTER
AHH... UH...


JUBEI! YOU WERE... BUT I... BUT THE...
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU?
HEY, GRANNY! HOW YA LIKE MY NEW PATCH?
BUH?
I'M THE SAME THING I ALWAYS WAS! YAGYU JUBEI, IN THE FLESH!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UH.........


THESE TONED ARMS...
THIS RIPPED TORSO...
THESE SCULPTED LEGS...
THIS FACE...
YEP! THIS SWEET BOD IS 100% ALL-NATURAL YAGYU JUBEI!


SFX: GLARE
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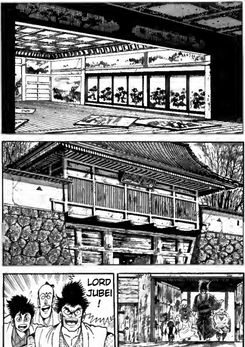
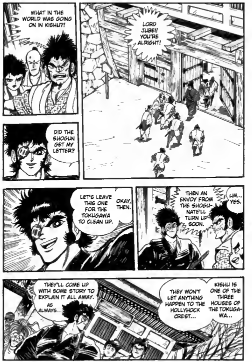
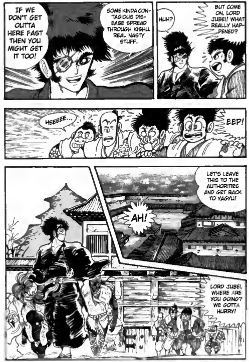
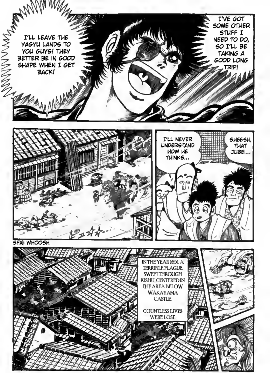
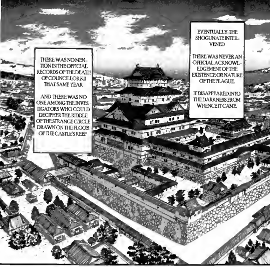
SFX: STAB
SFX: FLASH

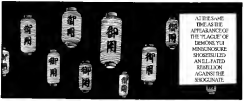

LORD JUBEI!


LORD JUBEI!! YOU'RE ALRIGHT!
WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS GOING ON IN KISHU?!
DID THE SHOGUN GET MY LETTER?
UM... YES.
THEN AN ENVOY FROM THE SHOGUNATE'LL TURN UP SOON.
LET'S LEAVE THIS ONE FOR THE TOKUGAWA TO CLEAN UP.
OKAY, THEN.
KISHU IS ONE OF THE THREE HOUSES OF THE TOKUGAWA...
THEY WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THE HOLLYHOCK CREST...
THEY'LL COME UP WITH SOME STORY TO EXPLAIN IT ALL AWAY.
AS ALWAYS...


BUT COME ON, LORD JUBEI!! WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?
HUH?
SOME KINDA CONTAGIOUS DISEASE SPREAD THROUGH KISHU. REAL NASTY STUFF.
IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE FAST THEN YOU MIGHT GET IT TOO!
EEP!
HEEEEE...
LET'S LEAVE THIS TO THE AUTHORITIES AND GET BACK TO YAGYU!
AH!
LORD JUBEI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WE GOTTA HURRY!


I'LL LEAVE THE YAGYU LANDS TO YOU GUYS! THEY BETTER BE IN GOOD SHAPE WHEN I GET BACK!
I'VE GOT SOME OTHER STUFF I NEED TO DO, SO I'LL BE TAKING A GOOD LONG TRIP!
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW HE THINKS...
SHEESH, THAT JUBEI...
SFX: WHOOSH
IN THE YEAR 1651, A TERRIBLE PLAGUE SWEPT THROUGH KISHU CENTERED IN THE AREA BELOW WAKAYAMA CASTLE.
COUNTLESS LIVES WERE LOST.


THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE DEATH OF COUNCILLOR KII THAT SAME YEAR.
AND THERE WAS NO ONE AMONG THE INVESTIGATORS WHO COULD DECIPHER THE RIDDLE OF THE STRANGE CIRCLE DRAWN ON THE FLOOR OF THE CASTLE'S KEEP.
EVENTUALLY THE SHOGUNATE INTERVENED.
THERE WAS NEVER AN OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE EXISTENCE OR NATURE OF THE PLAGUE.
IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE DARKNESS FROM WHENCE IT CAME.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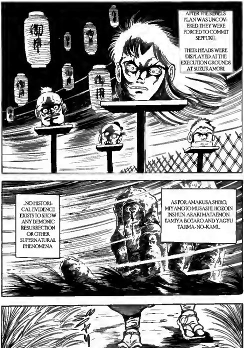
AT THE SAME TIME AS THE APPEARANCE OF THE "PLAGUE" OF DEMONS, YUI MINBUNOSUKE SHOSETSU LED AN ILL-FATED REBELLION AGAINST THE SHOGUNATE.


AFTER THE REBELS PLAN WAS UNCOVERED THEY WERE FORCED TO COMMIT SEPPUKU.
THEIR HEADS WERE DISPLAYED AT THE EXECUTION GROUNDS AT SUZUKAMORI.
AS FOR AMAKUSA SHIRO, MIYAMOTO MUSASHI, HOZOIN INSHUN, ARAKI MATAEMON, TAMIYA BOTARO AND YAGYU TAJIMA-NO-KAMI...
...NO HISTORICAL EVIDENCE EXISTS TO SHOW ANY DEMONIC RESURRECTION OR OTHER SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA
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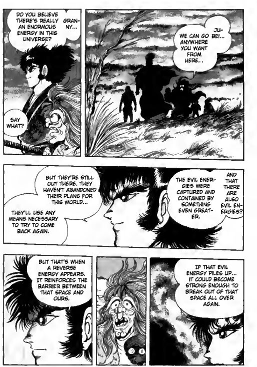
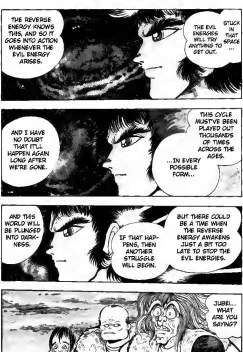
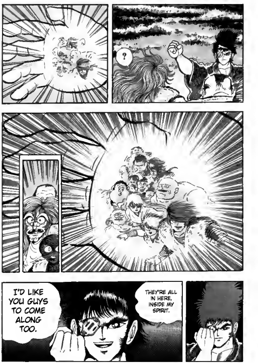

JU-BEI... WE CAN GO ANYWHERE YOU WANT FROM HERE..
DO YOU BELIEVE THERE'S REALLY AN ENORMOUS ENERGY IN THIS UNIVERSE?
GRANNY...
SAY WHAT?
AND THAT THERE ARE ALSO EVIL ENERGIES?
THE EVIL ENERGIES WERE CAPTURED AND CONTAINED BY SOMETHING EVEN GREATER.
BUT THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE. THEY HAVEN'T ABANDONED THEIR PLANS FOR THIS WORLD...
THEY'LL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO TRY TO COME BACK AGAIN.
IF THAT EVIL ENERGY PILES UP... IT COULD BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK OUT OF THAT SPACE ALL OVER AGAIN.
BUT THAT'S WHEN A REVERSE ENERGY APPEARS. IT REINFORCES THE BARRIER BETWEEN THAT SPACE AND OURS.


STUCK IN THAT SPACE...
THE EVIL ENERGIES WILL TRY ANYTHING TO GET OUT.
THE REVERSE ENERGY KNOWS THIS, AND SO IT GOES INTO ACTION WHENEVER THE EVIL ENERGY ARISES.
THIS CYCLE MUST'VE BEEN PLAYED OUT THOUSANDS OF TIMES ACROSS THE AGES.
...IN EVERY POSSIBLE FORM...
AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IT'LL HAPPEN AGAIN LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE.
BUT THERE COULD BE A TIME WHEN THE REVERSE ENERGY AWAKENS JUST A BIT TOO LATE TO STOP THE EVIL ENERGIES.
AND THIS WORLD WILL BE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.
IF THAT HAPPENS, THEN ANOTHER STRUGGLE WILL BEGIN.
JUBEI... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?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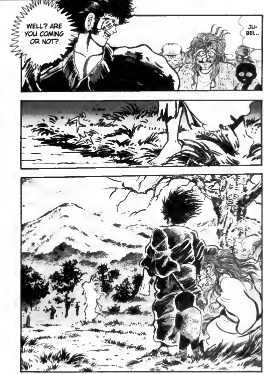
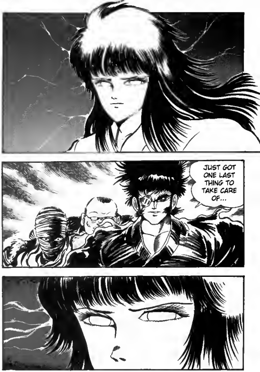
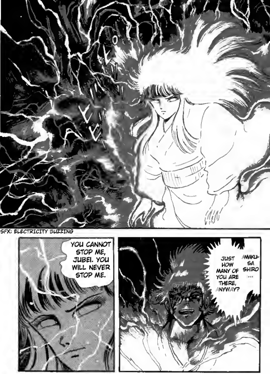
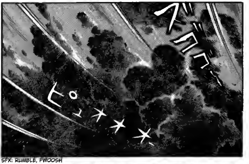
THEY'RE ALL IN HERE, INSIDE MY SPIRIT.
I'D LIKE YOU GUYS TO COME ALONG TOO.


WELL? ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?
JU-BEI...


JUST GOT ONE LAST THING TO TAKE CARE OF...

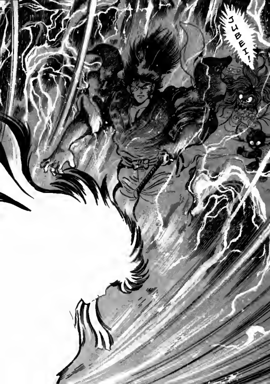

SFX: ELECTRICITY BUZZING
YOU CANNOT STOP ME, JUBEI. YOU WILL NEVER STOP ME.
AMAKUSA SHIRO ...
JUST HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE, ANYWAY?

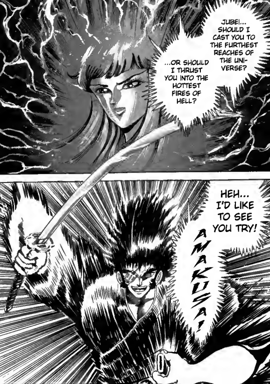


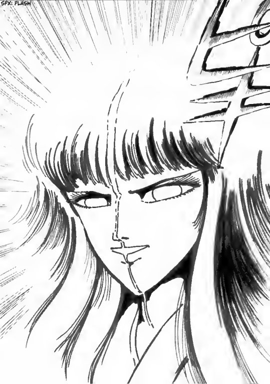
SFX: RUMBLE, FWOOSH

SFX: FLASH

SFX: CRACKLING


JUBEI!


JUBEI... SHOULD I CAST YOU TO THE FURTHEST REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE?
...OR SHOULD I THRUST YOU INTO THE HOTTEST FIRES OF HELL?
HEH... I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!
AMAKUSA!


SFX: FLASH

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山田風太郎はおもしろい！　いつの間にか作品の世界に引き込まれてしまう。

山田風太郎先生の作品に出会ったのは、僕がまだ高校生の時だった。学校の図書館にある本では物足りなくなってきていた頃、友達が「町立図書館には学校の図書館に置いていない大衆向けの本がたくさん置いてあって楽しいから1回行ってみれば」と教えてくれました。僕はさっそく町立図書館に行きました。たくさんの本がある中、何気なく手にした本が『大江戸忍法帖』でした。これが山田風太郎作品との出会いです。

読んでみてこんな本が世の中にあるなんてという衝撃、こんな凄い話を書ける人が世の中にいるのか、エロ・グロ・ナンセンスをすべて兼ね備えていて、息つく間を与える事なくアクションがあり物語を奇想天外に見せる事が出来る。僕はあっという間に山田風太郎ワールドに引き込まれていきました。

それからは、毎日図書館に通い詰めになりました。その当時町立図書館には山田風太郎作品が全部置いてあったわけではなくて、バラバラに置いてあって『魔界転生』は読む事が出来なかったんです。『魔界転生』を読む事が出来たのは、田舎から東京に出て来てか

らだったと思います。当時はまだ『魔界転生』というタイトルではなく、たしか『おぼろ忍法帖』というタイトルだったと記憶しています。他の忍法帖シリーズも読んでいたのですが、この作品は他の忍法帖シリーズと比べるとSF色が強いなと感じましたが、面白さは他作品と比べても引けをとる事はありませんでした。まさか、その作品を自分の手によって漫画化する日が来るとは夢にも思いませんでした。

『魔界転生』を漫画化する経緯は、角川書店さんから「何か描き下ろしでやって頂けませんか」というお話を頂いた時に僕の方から「山田風太郎先生の作品をやらせてもらえないか」と話したら、編集の人も僕の意見に賛同してくれました。最初僕は、「一番好きな『甲賀忍法帖』をやらせて下さい」と言ってみたのですが、編集部としては過去に角川書店で映画化したこともある『魔界転生』を漫画化して欲しいと言われました。僕としては、『魔界転生』は、原作通りにそのまま漫画化しても原作である小説に負けてしまう、と思っていたので、どうしようかと迷いましたが、せっかくのチャンスをみすみす逃すのももったいないのでチャレンジしてみました。

いざ漫画化しようと試みたのですが、原作の方がイメージが先行していることもあって、やっぱり原作をそのまま漫画化してみても負けてしまうだろう。原作を読んだ事がある人でも無い人でも面白い作品、漫画だけを読んでも面白いという作品にしたい、それには原作にプラスαの何か、読者を驚かすような何かを入れないと、山田風太郎先生の原作には勝てない、と考えました。原作者である山田風太郎先生から「これはしないで欲しい、それはやめて欲しい」といったいわゆる縛りが無かったこともあって、大幅に内容を

変えて自分なりに魔界とは何か？　を考えて構成し、且つ原作のイメージを損なわないように描きました。

しかし、自分の頭の中で構想がまとまり実際漫画化してみると、自分の中で突っ走ってしまって収拾がつかなくなってしまい、「一体これはどうしたものか、このまま進めていっても終わらないかもしれない」と考えた時もありましたが、とりあえずそのまま突っ走ってみると自分なりに収拾をつけることが出来て良かったです。

この『魔界転生』は、描き下ろしで自由にやらせてもらった最初の作品だったので、描いていて大変楽しかったです。あの自由に描ける空間、あんまり制約が無い空間というのが楽しい世界だなと思いました。

今思えば、この作品を機に僕の絵もだいぶ変わってきて、自分が漫画家として一つステップアップさせてもらえたような気持ちです。今僕が漫画家としてやっていけてるのも、この作品を描く機会に恵まれたからだと思います。

最後に、自由に、なんのクレームも言わずに描かせていただきました原作者である山田風太郎先生に感謝します。

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